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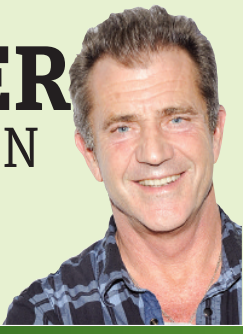

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▶ Whitecaps executives, from left, Rachel Lewis, Paul Barber and Bob Lenarduzzi — at Empire Field Thursday — have done all they can ahead of Vancouver's inaugural Major League Soccer match Saturday. Now they say it's up to the fans.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

A new era for soccer

The Vancouver Whitecaps usher in a new age of professional sports in the city Saturday when they take the field for their inaugural MLS match. Metro takes a look at how the team returned to top-level sports and the supporters that spur them on, page 6.

Wage hike fails to impress

Critics take shots at plan to raise B.C.'s minimum salary {page 4}

Sour success for Lululemon

Struggle to meet high demand means slower growth {page 19}

Stall behind fatal plane crash: TSB

▶ Board proposes that commercial seaplanes be fitted with doors and windows that can easily pop out if a plane hits water ▶ Also recommends that all passengers wear life vests after Saturna Island tragedy

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The Transportation Safety Board revealed Thursday that the 2009 seaplane crash that killed six people — including a baby — off Saturna Island was the result of an aerodynamic stall.

"The aircraft's stall warning system was not working that day," said investigator Bill Yearwood. "This, combined with low altitude, meant the pilot had little time to react and recover from the stall before the aircraft hit the water."

Another factor contributing to the crash was the manner in which the passengers were seated. There was too much weight near the back of the plane, which made it difficult to recover from the stall.

The TSB, which released its final report into the accident in Vancouver, also found that two of the four doors on the plane jammed when it hit the water in the crash.

"Everyone survived the impact, but six of the eight people on board drowned," said Yearwood. "They never got out."

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▶ Vancouver doctor Kerry Telford with a child at the hospital in Peru where she volunteered. Telford, her daughter and four others died in a seaplane crash in 2009.

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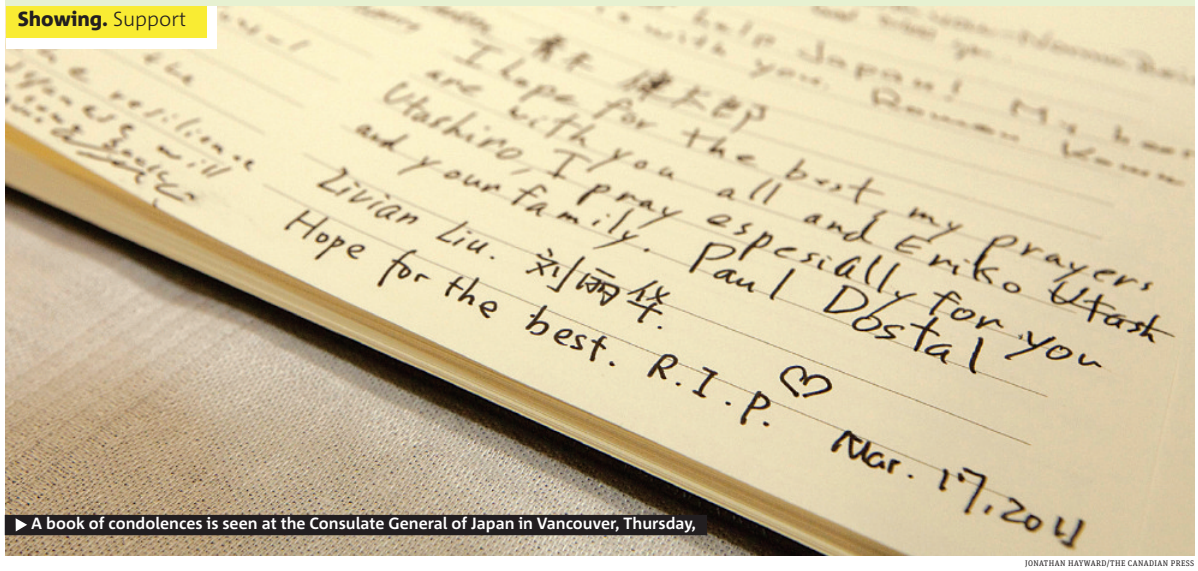

▶ A book of condolences is seen at the Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver, Thursday,

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Kinds words for Japan

The Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver decided to open a book of condolences after receiving many concerns regarding the earthquake.

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An exhibit on Japanese anxiety takes new meaning in wake of disaster. Scan code for story.

Murderer's final sentence still unknown

- **Mukhtiar Panghali was arrested March 2007 for killing his pregnant wife**
- **He has already served four years' worth of his life sentence**

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After listening to a full day of submissions at a hearing to decide the fate of Mukhtiar Panghali, Justice Heather Holmes said she would need more time to process the information and adjourned until Friday, March 25, when she said she would make a ruling.

Panghali was found guilty last month of second-degree murder and interfering with bodily remains for killing his pregnant wife, Manjit, and burning her body in October 2006.

His conviction came with an automatic life sentence with no chance of parole for anywhere between 10 and 25 years.

The length of Panghali's parole ineligibility was the main focus of yesterday's hearing.

Crown argued Panghali's crime involved a "plethora of horrificness ... (which) required a sentence towards the higher end" of the scale, and requested 20 years of parole ineligibility.

However, defence attorney Michael Tammen said Panghali is a likely candidate for full rehabilitation and has already completed several life-skills courses and should therefore be eligible for parole in 10 to 13 years.

Next Friday, Holmes will also decide how many years Panghali will concurrently serve for burning his wife's remains.

Crown has requested the maximum, five years, while the defence is asking for two to three.

B.C. provides $500,000 for Japan

British Columbia is donating $500,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for emergency relief efforts in Japan, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Shirley Bond announced yesterday.

Following the recent devastation of the 9.0 earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on March 10, victims are in desperate need of the basic necessities.

With the help of provincial funding, the Canadian Red Cross will provide earthquake victims with these necessities, such as food, water, blankets and medical supplies.

MEAGAN GILL

Thieves take bank machine

A 300-pound bank machine was stolen from the Ramada Inn, in Pitt Meadows early Thursday morning.

Around 2:20 a.m. two males walked into the lobby and drove off in a white pickup truck with the machine.

MEAGAN GILL

Olympic ticket fraudster deported

A West Vancouver man accused of fraudulently selling more than $60,000 worth of Olympic tickets using Craigslist and Kijiji has been arrested in the United States and flown back to Canada.

Sean McConnell Stuart, 31, was deported back Tuesday after being arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs for immigration violations on March 1.

Stuart appeared at the North Vancouver Provincial Court Wednesday and was released on bail. Hs next scheduled court appearance is April 14.

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Minimum wage still too minimal?

Workers must earn $11.11/hour, working full time, just to make it to poverty line: StatsCan Dramatic wage hike could cause more unemployment: Critics

The minimum wage in B.C. will go up to $10.25 — an increase of 28 per cent — by May of next year after a decade long lock. But is it enough?

No, say some experts.

According to Statistics Canada figures, a worker would have to earn an $11.11 hourly wage, working 40 hours a week, 50 weeks a year in order just to straddle the poverty line.

"This brings people closer to the poverty line, but certainly not over it," said Adrienne Montani of First Call: B.C. Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition.

But many opposed to the wage hike say that since only 2.3 per cent of the workforce earns the current $8 minimum wage, the benefits are negligible.

On the other hand, more than 13 per cent of all workers in the province earned less than $10 per hour in 2008 — and that number is likely to have gone up following the recession, said economist Iglika Ivanova of the Canadian Centre of Policy Alternatives in B.C. (CCPA-BC).

Critics, however, have said the dramatic jump would force businesses to trim back hours or cut jobs altogether.

The restaurant industry in particular is bracing for a difficult year, already having reported losses owing to the introduction of HST and stricter liquor laws.

Ivanova said that large one-time increases could be disruptive to low-wage sectors in the short term, but added that there is nothing to suggest that wage increases in other provinces led to unemployment.

NATALIE KAUR JOHAL

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Surrey man tries to escape cops

It took multiple police cars, a police dog and a traffic services helicopter to stop a 24-year-old Surrey man early Thursday morning.

Traffic Services Helicopter, Air 2, spotted the man racing through residential streets of Surrey around 1:30 a.m. He was going about 100 kilometres per hour, police said.

The suspect driver attempted to drive around the police vehicle but was cut off. Police then allege the driver rammed into a squad car.

RCMP continued to track the suspect, who was running by foot.

He was later found by a police dog in the backyard of a house on 161 Street and was arrested.

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Thieves steal kids' cookies

A Newton Girl Guide meeting came to an unusual halt on Wednesday when, at about 7:30 p.m., Guide leaders Angela Rosco and Janice Chisholm learned that one of their vehicles had been broken into.

Thieves made off with 24 cases of cookies, $1,100 worth, which were to go on sale on April 1 as part of an upcoming fundraiser.

"A lot of the kids are from lower income families," explained Rosco, and rely on fundraisers to attend summer camps and other events.

Purdy's has donated chocolate bars to help the girls recoup their losses from the theft.

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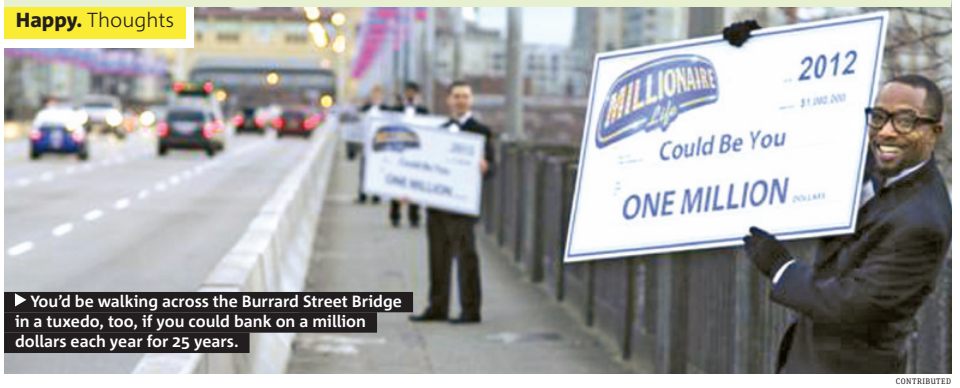

▶ You'd be walking across the Burrard Street Bridge in a tuxedo, too, if you could bank on a million dollars each year for 25 years.

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Beautiful people selling the good life

Twenty-five models took to the streets of Vancouver during the morning rush hour Thursday to promote the lottery game Millionaire Life.

White Rock to add chlorine to water supply

White Rock's water provider recommended adding chlorine to its supply following an E. coli contamination scare last summer that led to a boil-water advisory.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Sheen's show comes to Vancouver

Charlie Sheen is bringing his My Violent Torpedo of Truth live tour to Vancouver on May 2. The actor announced 12 more shows across the United States and Canada after reports Thursday of sold-out shows at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

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White and blue fever

- Club president says return to top-level soccer reminds him of the Whitecaps glory days
- Supporter culture, thousands of drums and 23,000 fans in white to create unique atmosphere

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The Vancouver Whitecaps' story reads like The Tale of Two Clubs.

In the midst of it all, Bob Lenarduzzi has endured the best and worst of times in the city's long-running flirtation with the beautiful game.

The 55-year-old was a star player on the team that won the 1979 NASL Soccer Bowl.

Those were the best of times, as 150,000 Vancouverites lined the streets to welcome their champions home.

Then came the collapse of the league, and indeed professional soccer in North America, in 1984.

Those were the worst of times, as Lenarduzzi — now the club's president after playing and coaching stints — struggled to keep a team afloat in his hometown.

The Vancouver 86ers, renamed the Whitecaps again in 2001, were a successful enough team on the pitch but barely registered on the city's mainstream sports scene.

"We were looking like we were going to fold, and that was on more than one occasion," said Lenarduzzi, who persevered. "Even when we were on death's door it was just a part of the job. My objective was to make sure we always had someone that could pay the bills."

"The MLS is an opportunity for people to come out and party, to capture even a small portion of what we saw during the Olympics."
SOUTHSIDERS PRESIDENT JOHNNY KNOX

Hardcore fans stuck with the team through thick and thin and — along with Lenarduzzi — were rewarded when the Major Soccer League announced Vancouver would be granted a team in the top level of North American competition in 2011.

That era begins Saturday when the Whitecaps play Toronto FC at Empire Field, and all signs indicate a return to better days.

Twenty-three thousand people are expected to pack the temporary stadium on opening day, all dressed in white and led by the sound of 5,000 beating drums. The faithful and vocal Southsiders supporters' club — currently more than 300 paid members and growing — will be proceeding over chants and cheer from their sections of the stadiums.

Together, it should create a sporting atmosphere that resembles nothing the city is used to at Canucks and Lions games.

"The MLS is an opportunity for people to come out and party, to capture even a small portion of what we saw during the Olympics," said Southsiders president Johnny Knox.

"It's non-stop community and fun because we gather, scream during the whole game and support the team. It's definitely nothing like a Canucks game where the scoreboard tells you when to make noise."

While the team's ultimate impact is still up in the air, many are banking on the fact the Whitecaps can capture the city's imagination once more.

"Vancouver is a soccer city," said Mayor Gregor Robertson. "In the NASL, we had rabid fans and other teams didn't like playing here. I think we'll get back to that. No doubt Empire will be packed on Saturday and that will set the tone for years to come."

It couldn't come soon enough for the man who has been through it all.

"I thought I'd seen the best of times of professional soccer in this city, but now I honestly believe the best is yet to come," said Lenarduzzi.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

▶ The Vancouver Southsiders supporters' club celebrates the Whitecaps' victory over Seattle Sounders FC after a pre-season match in Tukwila, Wash., on March 6. Nearly 300 Vancouver fans made the trip down for the match. About 23,000 are expected when the Whitecaps make their MLS debut Saturday against Toronto FC at Empire Field.

Intimidating the opposing players

Every effort is being made to turn Empire Field into an intimidating fortress for opposing players.

The Whitecaps are encouraging fans to create a whiteout by wearing white clothing, jerseys, hats and scarves to the game.

Season-ticket holders, more than 15,000 of them, have already been given white scarves and white ponchos will be available at every seat — rain or shine — to create the effect.

A drumming band will be on hand at every match, and 5,000 random fans will get their own drums to create a unique atmosphere in the stadium.

MATT KIELTYKA

Getting there

TRANSPORT. Limited parking will be available around the stadium, but fans are being urged to take public transit to Empire Field. TransLink has ramped up its service to and from the stadium. Starting two hours before the 3:30 p.m. kickoff, extra buses will take fans from the 29th Avenue and Renfrew SkyTrain stations directly to Empire.

Southsiders recruiting

CLUB. If you salivate at the thought of a European or South American-style soccer culture at Whitecaps games, the Southsiders may be for you. The supporters' club currently has more than 300 paid members and will lead most of the singing, chanting, jumping and cheering during the matches.

Can't be there?

TSN. If you're interested in catching the game but can't make it to Empire, TSN will be broadcasting the match. The network has the national broadcast rights to Major League Soccer and will air 13 Whitecaps games this season. Rogers Sportsnet holds the regional television rights, and will air the remaining 21 regular-season Whitecaps matches.

23,000
The Vancouver Whitecaps expect 23,000 people to be at their first ever Major League Soccer game Saturday. The normal capacity during the season will be 21,500. More than 15,000 season tickets have been sold for the 2011 season.

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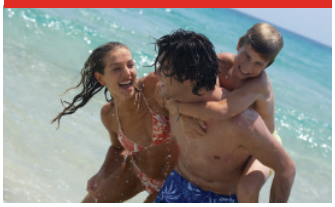

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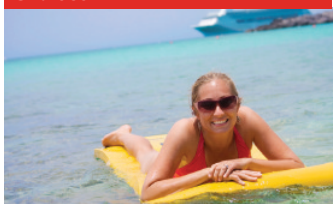

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Canadian teachers safe

Hundreds of Canadians taking part in an exchange and teaching program run by the Japanese government are confirmed safe following the country's earthquake and tsunami, but it's uncertain if or when they will be coming home.

Jung-Suk Ryu, a spokesman for the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa, says 475 Canadians are taking part this year in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, but he couldn't provide information on whether any of them are cutting short their terms and returning to Canada.

Privately run programs also exist to arrange stints for foreigners who want to teach English in Japan, but it's not known how many Canadians are currently involved in those programs. As well, some individuals seek employment independently.

For those in the JET program, Ryu said Japanese officials are monitoring the situation very closely on all different fronts.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade said Thursday that it has chartered two buses to transport Canadian citizens and other foreign nationals out of the areas affected by the quake and tsunami.

"We are working closely with our allies to co-ordinate this effort," said spokeswoman Claude Rochon. "A number of Canadians have already departed." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada joined the JET program in 1988 and is among 36 participating countries, according to the Japanese Embassy's website.

▶ A family receives a bowl of hot soup on a street in earthquake-hit Sendai, Miyagi prefecture, in Japan.

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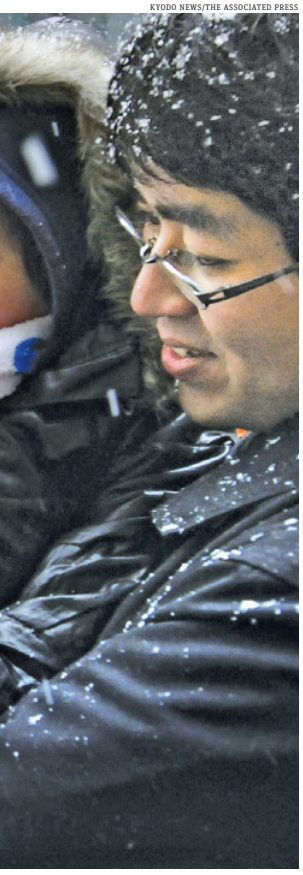

Battle to cool nukes goes on

Top U.S. nuclear regulatory official warns it could be weeks before crisis at Japanese plant is under control ◆ Thousands remain homeless

Emergency workers seemed to try everything they could think of Thursday to douse Japan's most dangerously overheated nuclear reactors: helicopters, heavy-duty fire trucks, even water cannons normally used to quell rioters. But they couldn't be sure any of it was easing the peril at the tsunami-ravaged facility.

Three reactors have had at least partial meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, where wisps of white steam rose from the stricken units Friday morning. But Japanese and U.S. officials believe a greater danger exists in the pools used to store spent nuclear fuel: Fuel rods in one pool were believed to be at least partially exposed, if not dry, and others were in danger. Without water, the rods could heat up and spew radiation.

"It's frustrating, because we don't have a goal, something to strive for. This just keeps on going."
SENDAI RESIDENT NORIKO SAWAKI, WHO LIVES IN A BATTERED NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT IS STILL WITHOUT RUNNING WATER, FOOD AND GASOLINE SUPPLIES.

It could take days and "possibly weeks" to get the complex under control, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Gregory Jazcko said.

A senior official with the UN's nuclear safety agency said there had been "no significant worsening" at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant but that the situation remained "very serious."

Tokyo Electric Power said it believed workers were making headway in staving off a catastrophe both with the spraying and, especially, with efforts to complete an emergency power line to restart the plant's own electric cooling systems.

"We are doing all we can as we pray for the situation to improve," Teruaki Kobayashi said. "Choices are limited. We just have to stick to what we can do most quickly and efficiently."

The crisis triggered by last week's earthquake and tsunami has forced thousands to evacuate and drained Tokyo's normally vibrant streets of life, its residents either leaving town or holing up in their homes.

The official death toll from the disasters stood at 5,692 as of Friday morning, with 9,522 missing, the national police agency said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tsunami's aftermath hobbles Hawaii

A tsunami spawned by the deadly earthquake in Japan caused tens of millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and boats in Hawaii after the waves roared ashore last week.

Now the islands are bracing for another hit — a loss in travellers from Japan.

Gov. Neil Abercrombie predicted the economic consequences will be severe for this tourism-dependent state that is already dealing with a projected shortfall of nearly $1 billion over the next two years.

"It's going to be terrible. It's going to be rough," he said earlier this week. "It's something that we have to come to grips with."

Hawaii is the top U.S. destination for the Japanese, hosting more than 1.2 million of the 16.6 million total outbound tourists last year.

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Adoring crowds await Aristide's arrival in Haiti

- U.S. tried to keep him away until weekend election
- 'We can't hold him hostage,' says South Africa

A plane carrying Haiti's Jean-Bertrand Aristide has taken off from South Africa, ending his seven years in exile and carrying him home to adoring crowds — and to questions about what influence he will have on a fragile country.

"The great day has arrived!" Aristide said at a small airport in northern Johannesburg.

"We are delighted to return home after seven years. In Haiti also they are very happy."

U.S. President Barack Obama had tried to keep the hugely popular but controversial figure away from his country until it holds a presidential election this weekend.

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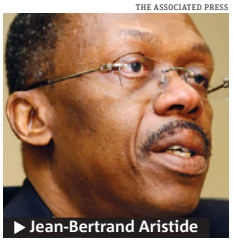

▶ Jean-Bertrand Aristide

Aristide's lawyer, Ira Kurzban, has said Aristide will be back in Haiti by noon Friday.

Aristide, a former slum priest, was twice elected president of Haiti.

Thousands and thousands of people were expected to welcome him.

U.S. National Security Council spokesperson Tommy Vietor said: "The United States ... has deep concerns that President Aristide's return to Haiti in the closing days of the election could be destabilizing."

Aristide's terms in office were rocky — he was ousted in a coup and was restored to power in a U.S. military intervention in 1994.

After completing his term he was re-elected years later, only to flee a rebellion in 2004 aboard a U.S. plane. Aristide claimed he was kidnapped.

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▶ Distant relative Dorma Lee Reese says: "I don't appreciate what he's done by any means, but I do appreciate that he holds that office."

There's a little bit of Irish in O'bama

President Barack Obama found out years ago he had an Irish great-great-great-grandfather who fled the potato famine in 1850.

He can now claim 28 living relatives also descended from that Irishman. Obama's relatives are revealed in a study released by Ancestry.com.

Among Obama's newly identified relatives is 83-year-old Dorma Lee Reese, of Tucson, Ariz.

"I'm not a Democrat, so I can't say I clapped," said Reese, a retired brain-imaging technologist.

Another distant relative is a Republican — Roma Joy Palmer, 66, of Mulvane, Kansas, retired from the insurance business. "He's not my favourite president," said Palmer.

Obama said at a St. Patrick's Day lunch: "My great-great-great-grandfather really was from Ireland."

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Dress nets big bucks

Dress worn by Kate Middleton at a charity fashion show in 2002 reportedly caught Prince William's eye

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▶ A see-through knitted lace dress worn by Kate Middleton in 2002 stands on display as the auctioneer sells a different lot during the Passion for Fashion auction in London on Thursday.

A revealing piece of royal history was sold on Thursday for 78,000 pounds ($124,217) when an unidentified buyer bought the infamous see-through dress Kate Middleton wore back in 2002 when she and Prince William were university friends.

Some reports maintain that the sight of Middleton in the transparent dress as she walked down the catwalk at a charity fashion show helped convince William that she was someone he wanted to get to know better.

Whether or not the see-through black dress was a major factor, they soon became boyfriend and girlfriend, starting a long-term romance that will bring them to the altar of Westminster Abbey on April 29.

The dress was supposed to be a skirt, but Middleton wore it as a dress, with black underwear beneath.

About three to four bidders competed for the dress in the packed room, while some also bid by phone. Gasps rang around the room when the bidding drove the price up to 65,000 pounds ($103,514).

No one would mistake the dress for high fashion. It was put up for sale by designer Charlotte Todd, who did not go into fashion but works in an aquarium.

"I'm completely shocked, I need to sit down and get my head round it," Todd said. "I didn't like to get my hopes up, I was thinking it might not sell. I wasn't thinking of a sum of money in my head."

"He thinks it's an iconic piece. He's very happy"
UNNAMED MAN WHO REPRESENTED THE BUYER AT THE AUCTION

Bidder Carole Lieberman said the garment shows that Middleton was willing to use hardball tactics in pursuit of the most eligible bachelor at the University of St. Andrew's.

Lieberman, a U.S. talk show host and psychiatrist, said before the auction that she planned to bid aggressively on the dress after buying other items, including nightdresses that belonged to Wallis Simpson, the American divorcée who lured King Edward VIII from the throne.

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CONSORT STILL IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Watch out, Kate Middleton. Another royal consort is in the limelight.

Wallis Simpson, the American divorcée who scandalized Britain and brought down a king in the 1930s, is back in style.

She appears as a character in the Oscar-winning film The King's Speech — as the interloper who lures Edward VIII away from royal duties, thrusting his stammering younger brother George onto the throne. She turns up trailing glamour and menace in recent British TV series Upstairs Downstairs and Any Human Heart.

She is the subject of two new biographies, and is the central character in W.E., a forthcoming movie directed by Madonna. Her sense of style continues to inspire designers well after her death in 1986.

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REBEL REACTION

UN OK's no-fly measure

Moammar Gadhafi vowed to launch a final assault on the opposition's capital Benghazi and crush the rebels as his forces moved toward the city and warplanes bombed its airport Thursday.

The Obama administration was readying plans to enforce a no-fly zone in Libya with the help of Arab countries, officials said Thursday as the United Nations Security Council voted to authorize the move.

Officials said they expected the attempt to ground Gadhafi's air force could begin Sunday or Monday. The Security Council voted 10-0 Thursday night to impose a no-fly zone over Libya and use "all necessary measures" to protect civilians from attacks by Gadhafi's forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protest camps in Yemen hit

Security forces and government loyalists struck protest camps across Yemen on Thursday.

The move was designed to break the will of thousands camped in squares for over a month, demanding their longtime authoritarian leader leave power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq reacts to clashes

Concerns over clashes in Bahrain between Shiite protesters and security forces from Sunni Arab states spilled over into Iraq on Thursday.

About 3,000 people in Karbala, 90 kilometres south of Baghdad, gathered between the city's two main Shiite mosques in protest and about 200 people demonstrated in downtown Baghdad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bahrain crackdown grows, arrests made

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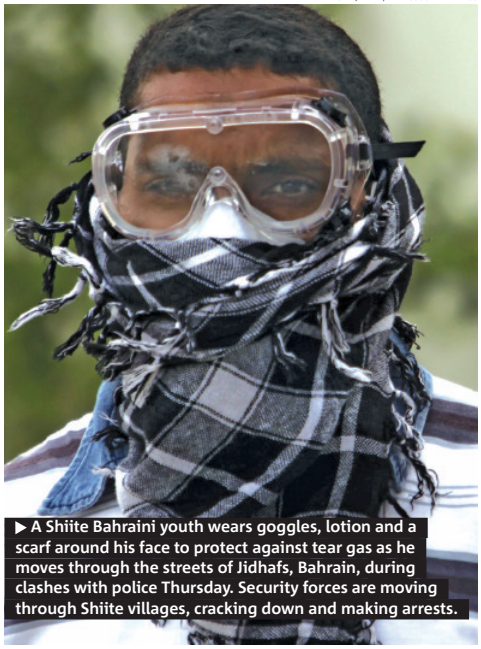

▶ A Shiite Bahraini youth wears goggles, lotion and a scarf around his face to protect against tear gas as he moves through the streets of Jidhafs, Bahrain, during clashes with police Thursday. Security forces are moving through Shiite villages, cracking down and making arrests.

European Union and NATO urge authorities to refrain from violence

Bahrain's Sunni monarchy detained at least seven prominent opposition activists Thursday, and Iran recalled its ambassador to protest the Gulf troops backing the government against the Shiite protests that forced martial law-style rule in the nation.

Bahrain's royal family is gambling that it can survive the sectarian faultlines that splinter the kingdom and the region, with help from the 1,500-strong force led by the Saudis.

As night fell, residents of Shiite villages outside the capital Manama braced for new violence, stocking up on provisions. Young men armed with sticks, stones and kitchen knives geared up to confront Bahrain's army.

As the curfew went into effect, people shouted "God Is Great" from across Manama's rooftops.

"We are not afraid, but we are cautious because we know they came here to kill us."
MOHAMMED SAID FROM THE SHIITE VILLAGE OF SITRA

Doctors at the country's main hospital said it remained under control of security forces, blocking physicians from leaving a complex whose Shiite personnel are viewed with suspicion by authorities.

In a rare hint of an agreement, both Washington and Tehran condemned the military force unleashed at protesters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Palin to visit Israeli PM

Trip comes as poll shows less than 6 in 10 Republicans and conservative independents view her favourably

As Sarah Palin's public opinion numbers slump to such depths that a new survey suggests even Charlie Sheen would get more votes from independents than she would, the former Alaska governor is heading to Israel this weekend to sit down with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Palin is embarking upon her first trip to the country following months of criticizing U.S. President Barack Obama's policies on Israel. Earlier this week she slammed his handling of a Palestinian terror attack in the West Bank.

"As Israel makes concessions (and is still criticized by the Obama administration), Arab leaders are just sitting back waiting for the White House to further pressure Israel," she wrote on her Facebook page.

"It's time for President Obama to push the reset button on our relations with our ally Israel."

"As the world confronts sweeping changes and new realities, I look forward to meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu to discuss the key issues facing his country, our ally Israel."

A STATEMENT FROM SARAH PALIN POSTED ON HER WEBSITE THURSDAY.

Palin will meet with Netanyahu and visit various holy sites on her way back from India, where she's delivering a speech on her vision for America.

Her Israel visit comes two months after she found herself in hot water for using the term "blood libel" when raging against critics after the assassination attempt of congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords in Arizona.

"Blood libel" is a reference to a false, centuries-old myth that Jews killed children so they could use their blood for religious rituals. The national director of the U.S. Anti-Defamation League said he wished Palin had chosen "another phrase, instead of one so fraught with pain in Jewish history."

Palin, 47, hasn't said whether she's running for president, but two of her biggest would-be rivals for the Republican nomination in 2012 — Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney — have also recently visited Israel.

A series of polls suggest Palin's popularity is sinking even among the Republicans.

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▶ A new poll suggests former Alaska governor Sarah Palin's popularity is sinking even among Republicans who once saw her as the party's energetic light.

Lebanese army claims hidden spy camera

The Lebanese army says it has found and dismantled a spy camera near a southern port city by Israel.

The army says the long-range spy system, found near Tyre, was camouflaged to look like a rock.

An army statement Thursday said the system included a camera, devices to send and receive signals, and a cooling system.

It said the system covered a coastal area and was activated by drones.

The statement said the military was tipped off by the militant Hezbollah.

The Israeli military office said it had no knowledge of the matter.

Lebanon said it found two similar systems overlooking Beirut in December. Lebanon and Israel are officially in a state of war. Hezbollah and Israel fought a 34-day war in 2006. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Disappearance

- Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov says his government doesn't have clear information about a Palestinian man who disappeared on a Ukrainian train and is said to be in Israeli custody.
- Dirar Abu Sisi vanished on Feb. 19 from Kharkiv to Kyiv.

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Going to his head

A man impersonating Quebec Finance Minister Raymond Bachand was among a few hundred union workers demonstrating outside the convention centre in Quebec City Thursday, hours before Bachand tabled the budget at the legislature.

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▶ A demonstrator spoofs Quebec Finance Minister Raymond Bachand during a protest Thursday in Quebec City.

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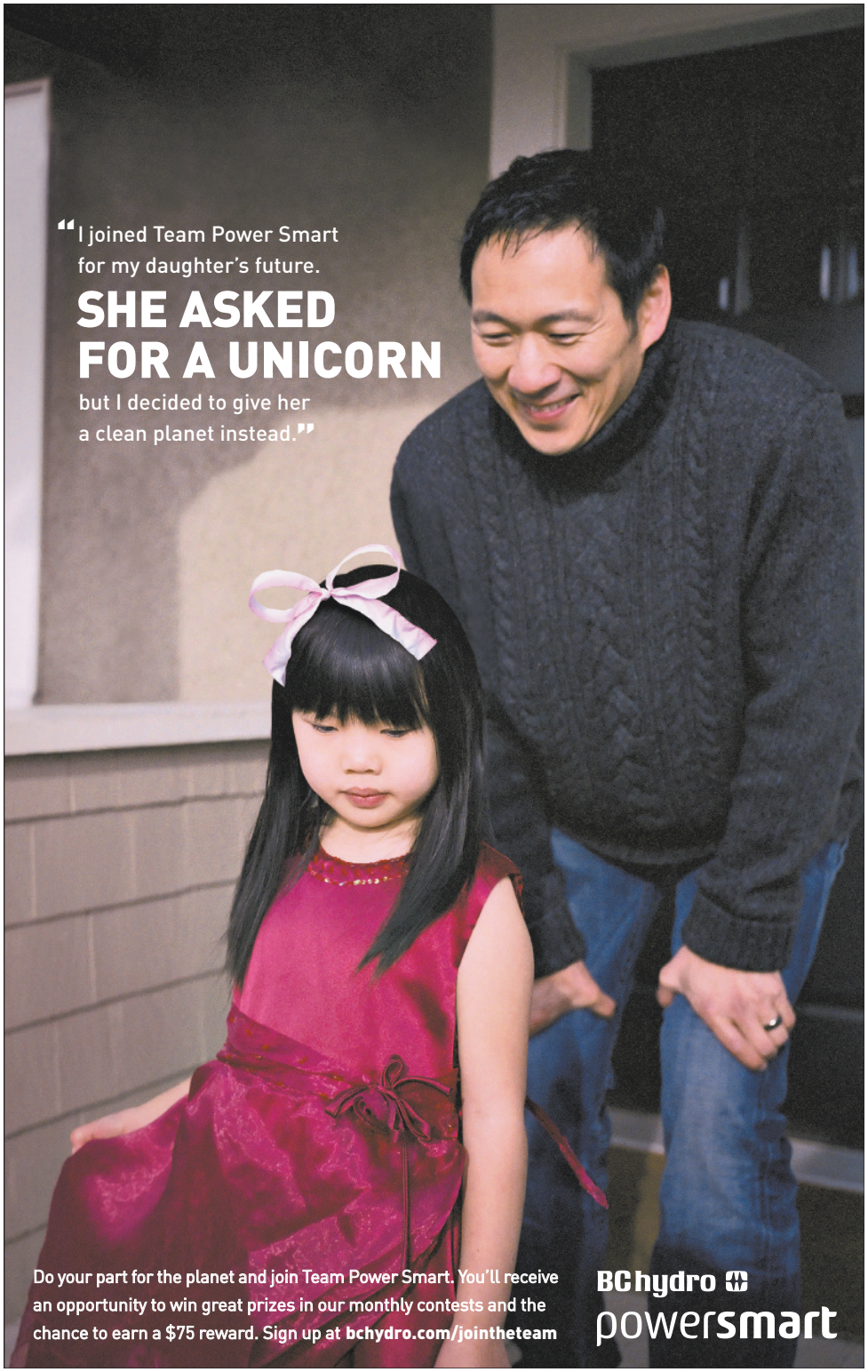
Trust issues

Liberal leader asks if Harper can be trusted with power ◐ PM staffer accused of influence peddling

Influence peddling allegations against a former Conservative government staffer raise questions about whether Prime Minister Stephen Harper can be trusted with power, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said Thursday.

Ignatieff said the allegations speak to the "serious ethical lapses" of the Harper government. "This is raising fundamental questions about whether Stephen Harper can be trusted with power," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Supreme Court will hear niqab arguments

80 The Supreme Court of Canada hears 80 appeals a year during three sessions that begin in January, April and October. Each session lasts three months.

The country's top court has agreed to hear the case of a woman who wanted to wear a niqab while testifying.

The woman, known as N.S., was to testify against two relatives she accuses of sexually assaulting her.

She wanted to wear her niqab while on the stand, but the two men argued it violated their right to face their accuser in court.

The case went to the Court of Appeal for Ontario, which ruled witnesses who wear the face-covering veil must remove it on the stand, but only if wearing it truly jeopardizes the accused's right to a fair trial.

That court sent the case back to the preliminary inquiry judge, and ordered the judge to let N.S. make arguments about her religious beliefs, but she took the case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the woman's appeal and ordered Ontario's attorney general to pay her lawyer's fees.

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Feds ease disaster rules for provinces

The federal government is promising an end to some of the more rigid and occasionally frustrating rules governing disaster compensation.

The government is doing away with a requirement that municipalities dismantle structures, such as emergency dikes, before they can get reimbursed, Conservative MP James Bezan said Thursday.

Another change will affect funding that the provinces get to improve damaged property or structures above and beyond replacement value. Until now, the money had to be spent on the damaged property itself. Now, provinces will be able to pool cash to spend it on one large project such as building a new, higher bridge over a river.

The disaster program is a complex series of formulas under which Ottawa shares the cost of rebuilding.

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Domo. Arigato

▶ Kaoru Ishikawa

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Diplomat says thanks to Canadians

Kaoru Ishikawa, the Japanese ambassador to Canada, thanks Canadians for their support as he speaks at a luncheon in Montreal Thursday.

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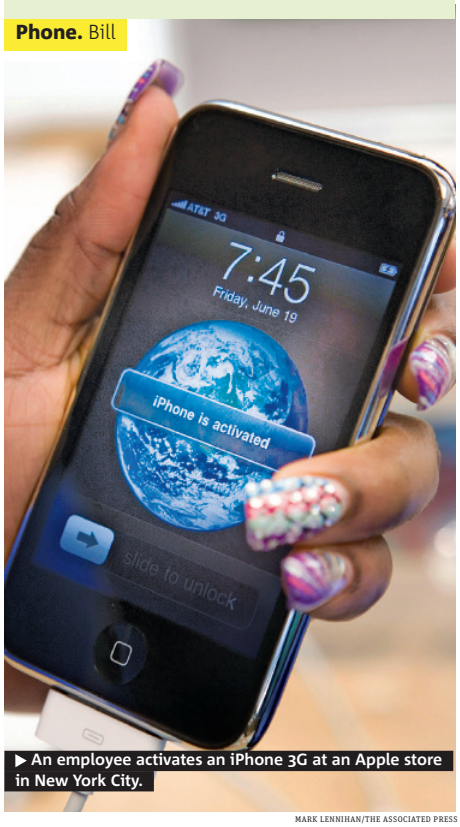

▶ An employee activates an iPhone 3G at an Apple store in New York City.

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Ringing up the real cost

It takes a global village to make an Apple iPhone 3G. The device contains $60 worth of components from Japan, $23 from South Korea, $30 from Germany and $11 from the United States. It's assembled in China for $6.95.

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Recovery still on track, CIBC says

Even with higher oil prices and increasing government fiscal restraint, the Canadian economy should pull through, analyst says

Recent events in Japan have added to growing concerns about the strength of the recovery, but should not push either the Canadian or global economies back into recession, CIBC says.

In its latest monthly report, CIBC World Markets predicts growth will remain relatively strong in Canada despite a slowing in other countries due to rising oil prices and restraint in government spending.

While Canada is not immune to issues facing the global economy, the report forecasts real GDP growth of four per cent in the first quarter of 2011.

As a result, CIBC senior economist Peter Buchanan expects the Bank of Canada to hike its overnight rate by May. Until now, most analysts have been predicting the bank would hold off on a rate hike until at least mid-year.

The CIBC report notes that the global economy was already facing uncertainty on a number of fronts even before last Friday's disaster in Japan.

"Those developments have led to a scaling back of earlier optimism and an increase, for now at least, in risk aversion," Buchanan said.

Among other things, he notes that surging gasoline prices raise questions about the pace of U.S. consumer spending. Meanwhile, "with the focus on containing red ink, governments in the industrialized world are reaching for the spending axe."

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HIGHER OIL PRICES NOT ALWAYS BAD

Oil prices would have to reach $160 a barrel to derail the economic recovery, says CIBC senior economist Peter Buchanan — a scenario he does not see playing out.

"Oil has risen dramatically before, only to crash back to earth, and there are still good reasons why history may repeat itself," he says.

Inventories in industrial countries were adequate when the Middle Eastern political pot began bubbling and OPEC has no interest in recession-inducing prices that crush demand.

Meanwhile, "strong but not sky-high oil prices are also best for the Canadian economy," he says.

Since Canada is one of the world's top dozen net exporters of oil and oil products, higher crude prices are a modest plus for the economy in the near term. But beyond four to five quarters, the bad starts to cancel the good, and the level of GDP is actually lower than it would otherwise have been. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Markets up amid uncertainty

The Toronto stock market closed sharply higher on Thursday as traders bought up stocks beaten down during a string of losses and hoped that Japan can get a grip on a nuclear crisis unfolding at a power plant heavily damaged in last Friday's earthquake and tsunami.

Markets have closed lower all week and, at the same time, investors were trying to figure out what the disaster means for the Japanese economy and how it will affect the global recovery.

"You expect ultimately a rebuilding to take place in Japan while in the near term you clearly have some economic weakness," said Norman Raschkowan, North American strategist at Mackenzie Financial.

"But all of this assumes you don't have a major nuclear accident that essentially transforms a large area of land into uninhabitable land. And I think that is what people have been wrestling with."

Oil prices had been trending lower on expectations that Japan, the world's third-biggest economy, will be using much less in the near future. But prices were higher on Thursday in the wake of clashes between security forces and anti-government protesters in Bahrain.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil exporter and some analysts are worried that the unrest in Bahrain could spill over into that country.

In Canada, wholesale trade put in a strong showing in January with sales up 1.5 per cent, much higher than the 0.6 per cent expected. Statistics Canada said autos were a key component, with sales up 1.6 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. THURSDAY

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+ 221.33 (13,746.15)	+ 0.56¢ (101.39¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas 1,000 cu ft**
+ $3.44 US ($101.42 US)	$4.158 US (+ 22¢ US)
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Canucks 'paywall guinea pigs' for New York Times website

As the New York Times tries to boost revenues by charging for digital content, it's looking to Canada to lead the way. The newspaper is asking Canadians to pay for full access to its website and for the use of smartphone and tablet apps.

For now, the Times is selling full access to its website and smartphone apps for $15 US a month. Once the digital paywall goes up in the U.S. and internationally on March 28, readers can buy access to the website and tablet apps for $20 monthly, or access to all three platforms for $35 a month. Print subscribers get digital access free.

Web readers who don't want to pay can view 20 articles a month free before they're prompted with a subscription plea. Links to Times stories through social media won't count, while clicks on Google links will be limited to an additional five a day.

35 Readers who want to read the New York Times on all platforms will have to pay $35 US a month.

New York Times reporter Brian Stelter tweeted that the first digital subscription was purchased in Canada at 10:47 a.m. on Thursday.

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Overseas travel lags in January

Canadians took 1.4 per cent fewer trips abroad in January, Statistics Canada says.

Canadian residents took four million trips to the United States, a 1.2 per cent drop from December. They took 732,000 overnight trips to overseas countries, down 2.2 per cent.

Travel by U.S. residents to Canada also declined 1.7 per cent to 1.6 million trips in January.

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Mercedes-Benz announces new Burnaby plant

Facility will produce fuel cells for battery-powered vehicles Construction starts immediately

Mercedes-Benz will build its own plant in the Vancouver area to make the next generation of fuel cells for electric-powered vehicles.

Gunter Walz, vice-president planning international co-operations, Mercedes-Benz cars, said the decision to build a new production facility under the aegis of Mercedes-Benz Canada was "the logical next step of Daimler's successful co-operation with partners in Vancouver."

In February 2008, the Automotive Fuel Cell Cooperation in Burnaby, B.C., was founded as a joint venture between Daimler (50.1 per cent), Ford (30 per cent) and Ballard Power Systems (19.9 per cent).

"This decision is a further, major step on the road to emission-free driving."
HERBERT KOHLER, HEAD OF E-DRIVE AND FUTURE MOBILITY, MERCEDES-BENZ

This is where the fuel-cell stack was developed. The battery is used in the current Mercedes-Benz B-Class F-CELL and the Citaro FuelCell Hybrid city bus.

"The aim of this new operation is to cover the entire value chain, from materials research to development of production technology for a large-scale production," the company said in a release.

Construction will begin immediately on a 2,000-square-metre facility designed for the production of stacks for fuel-cell vehicles at a new Burnaby location, with completion scheduled for early 2012.

Small-series production of next-generation fuel-cell stacks that are smaller and more efficient than current models is to begin in 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Downward stock dogs Lululemon

Yoga clothing retailer Lululemon Athletica Inc. anticipates slower growth in the first months of 2011 as it struggles to keep enough inventory on shelves.

The Vancouver-based company's stock fell 4.5 per cent after it said Thursday it couldn't keep up with better-than-expected holiday season sales and will see inventory shortages in the first half of the year.

Shares sank $3.47 to close at $75.26 on the Toronto stock exchange even as its fourth-quarter results soared past analysts' expectations.

The company said its profits climbed to $55 million in a busy holiday season that saw record gross margins and fewer merchandise markdowns.

The high-end company has had trouble keeping shelves stocked since the spring of 2010. Zoe Tan, a retail analyst at Morningstar research, said the inventory shortage is partially deliberate, as management has said it doesn't like to discount unsold merchandise. However, she said the consistent lack of enough merchandise could push share prices down lower.
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Soda. Wars

▶ A Costco customer pours a cold one at a store in Mountain View, Calif. A study by Beverage Digest says Diet Coke beat out Pepsi for the first time to become the second most popular soft drink in the United States.

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Pop culture clash

It's a victory for Coca-Cola Co. as its soft drinks now hold the top two spots in the United States, beating out longtime rival PepsiCo Inc. Coca-Cola sold nearly 927 million cases of Diet Coke in 2010, to Pepsi's 892 million, a report by trade publication Beverage Digest said Thursday. Regular Coke remains far and away the most popular soda, selling 1.6 billion cases. The rise of Diet Coke reflects a long-term trend toward low-calorie pop.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Hayley Wickenheiser

5 MINUTES WITH: HAYLEY WICKENHEISER

Hayley Wickenheiser is a four-time Olympic gold medallist. She recently wrapped up her rookie season with the University of Calgary women's Dinos team and is now preparing for the women's world hockey championship.

You took a little bit of heat this season for being a pro playing at the university level. How did you deal with that?
Most of the time I just laughed it off with the girls. We kind of just all got a kick out of it really. It was also very motivating going into these rinks and hearing the things we heard and seeing the things we saw. I've faced it my whole career so it was really nothing different. More than anything, it was a little surprising seeing the things we saw that really kind of crossed the line for this level of hockey.

You were recently recognized with the Brodrick Trophy for being the top female player in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS). What did that mean to you?
It was really nice. I was surprised because I hadn't played all the games with the team because of everything I have going on off the ice, I didn't really know if I was welcome, so to speak. It was a nice honour but I would have much rather made it to nationals with the team, but next year that will be our goal.

A lot of people might say the CIS is a step down for you. What did you take away from this season?
What you have to think about is, yes, it's not the Olympic team level or professional men's hockey level, but at the same time every game that we played was a one- or two-goal game. We weren't the best team in the league. Every time I stepped on to the ice, I had two or three players on me all the time so it actually was one of the hardest seasons of hockey that I've had to play ... It was really beneficial in a lot of ways and much better than I expected.

Do you think you'll join the Dinos next season?
Yeah, my plan is to come back and play there for sure.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Mercury's magnetism

Worth mentioning

A desk-sized NASA spacecraft is riding the brakes all the way to Mercury, about to pull a tricky manoeuvre Thursday night to become the first man-made object to orbit the tiny planet.

After a trip of 7.9 billion kilometres and nearly six and a half years, the Messenger spacecraft will try to careen into an egg-shaped orbit and fight off the gigantic gravitational pull of the sun. To do so, it will have to use more than half of the fuel it was launched with in 2004 to reduce speed dramatically in just 15 minutes.

If all works well, Messenger will circle as close as 193 kilometres from the surface and survey the entire planet for a year, beginning April 4. It will learn about Mercury's mysterious magnetic field and — most tantalizing of all — discover if the closest planet to the sun has ice in its permanently dark frigid craters near its poles.

If all doesn't go well, it is more likely that the $446-million spacecraft flies away from Mercury and ends up circling the sun. NASA should know whether it succeeds in about an hour. If something goes wrong, engineers have fallback plans they can use in the next three days to three months to try to get the spacecraft back in some kind of orbit around Mercury. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Messenger closes in

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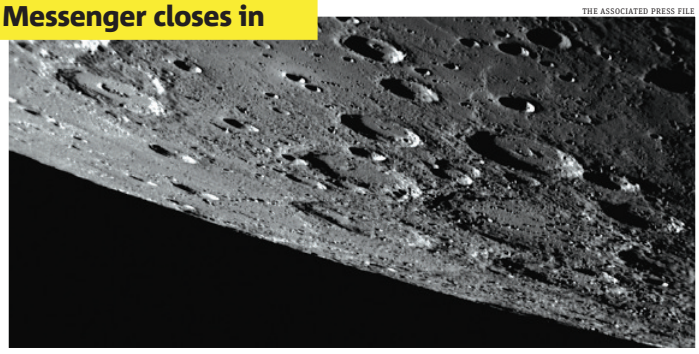

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Metro Minute with Cinderella

Escape to "once upon a time, in a kingdom far away" with Exit 22's musical version of the timeless fairytale Cinderella.

Exit 22, Capilano University's production company, is putting on the play Cinderella, The Enchanted Edition at 8 p.m. at the Capilano Performing Arts Theatre, 2055 Purcell Way.

The version is inspired by Rogers and Hammerstein's modern musical adaptation of the classic fairytale, and based loosely on the 1997 teleplay starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the fairy godmother.

Get your tickets by calling the box office at 604-990-7810 or visit capilanou.ca/exit22. Tickets start at $8.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Three days to play

DO YOU THINK COMPLAINTS BY SOME IN THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY ABOUT THE INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE ARE REASONABLE?

Emma Barrett
If you think about it, $2 doesn't seem like much. But I see both points of the argument; the people getting paid minimum wage need to live and restaurant owners need to keep their businesses going.

Pearl Barrett
I don't think minimum wage in restaurants really needs to be as high as minimum wage everywhere else because (workers) in restaurants mostly get tips.

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▶ Bradley Cooper is in almost every scene of Limitless. According to our critic Richard Crouse, Cooper proves his worth as a leading man.

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Limitless attraction

- Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Limitless
- The action-thriller comes complete with scenes of psychedelia

Richard Crouse: Mark, I enjoyed the heck out of Limitless despite the fact that I'm not exactly sure what message the movie is trying to send.

Its first act would make Timothy Leary proud — drugs open up the mind, man — then becomes a Nancy Reagan "Just Say No" drama before winding down to an ambiguous ending. I wasn't expecting Requiem for a Dream, but I would have liked a clearer point of view. You?

Mark Breslin: Actually I appreciated its ambiguous point of view, especially since the middle section was a bit preachy. I think the movie was illustrating that whoever goes up must come down — usually with a crashing headache. And, that we're all addicted to something. I felt the Bradley Cooper character was as addicted to his success and material comforts as to the drug itself.

Plot synopsis

- Bradley Cooper plays a slacker writer with a crappy apartment, an ex-wife and soon-to-be ex-girlfriend. His life changes when he begins taking a drug that allows him to access the other 80 per cent. Suddenly he can learn languages in hours and can retrieve everything he has ever read, seen or thought about. His intellectual ability is, as the title says, limitless. Also limitless are the people who will do almost anything to lay their hands on the drug.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕½
  Mark: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

RC: Certainly he becomes a kind of yuppified Keith Richards, a chemically enhanced knowledge junkie with a taste for the good life, which I thought that was an interesting take for a drug movie. I'm not sure I could have accepted Cooper in a grittier role. I thought he carried the movie — he's a good leading man, can do comedy and has the chops to do drama.

MB: I agree, Richard. He's in almost every scene of the movie, and it stands or falls on his abilities. Though I have to give some kudos to the director, Neil Burger, who fills the first half of the movie with appropriate psychedelia. Watching the movie, I sometimes felt like I had taken that drug, or maybe there was just something off in the hot golden topping.

RC: I liked much of the look of the movie, the drug haze scenes are effective, and the 18-hour blackout sequence is a kind of a tour de force, complete with Bruce Lee flashbacks, but I thought the attempts to illustrate his newfound intelligence a bit gimmicky.

Letters falling from the ceiling while he is furiously writing.

Really?

MB: And I've seen that somewhere before, I just can't remember where. (Maybe if I were on the drug, I would.) Also, in the '60s there was a movie called Charly about a slow-witted man who becomes a genius after an operation.

But it was the '60s so he doesn't try to corner the stock market. And if I see one more Russian villain, I'm going to organize a lobby on their behalf.

No matter. I really liked this one.

Scene in brief

An operatic satire about former prime minister Brian Mulroney hits the big screen next month. Mulroney: The Opera is billed as "a unique viewing experience for film, opera and political satire lovers." The over-the-top comedy stars Dora and Gemini award-winner Rick Miller and Stephanie Anne Mills as Brian and Mila Mulroney. Colin Mochrie, pictured above, plays Jean Chretien.
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Chastity's sex change, Conan's TV woes among the fare explored at Hot Docs

Hauer is a Hobo from hell

Grindhouse comes to Canada and it's armed with a shotgun Be prepared for side-splitting laughter

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If nothing else, Hobo With A Shotgun lives up to the title. Buy a ticket and you'll see a homeless Rutger Hauer use a shotgun to splatter gallons of blood all over the screen and into the audience's hearts.

It's a down and dirty exploitation movie with a deliciously sick sense of humour guaranteed to offend and delight.

What's surprising is that this trashy fun is Canadian and a personal project for debut director Jason Eisner.

The project began in Eisner's childhood when he and longtime friend-turned-co-writer John Davis fueled their impressionable minds with gory genre movies.

"We had a shed in my parents back yard that we basically lived in with a VCR, a television, and a couple of bunks," Eisner told Metro. "We would go to a video store down the street everyday and watch movies all night. We cleaned out their sci-fi, action, and horror sections in one summer."

Adolescent movie marathons would turn into filmmaking ambitions for the pair, who initially made Hobo With A Shotgun as a fake trailer that won a competition associated Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino's Grindhouse in 2007. "We were starting to make a feature length version for no money with friends on the weekends when we went to the Grindhouse premiere in LA," explained Eisner.

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▶ Rutger Hauer plays a hobo gone vigilante in Hobo With a Shotgun

"That night I got a call from Alliance saying that they wanted to release our trailer with Grindhouse theatrically and talk about developing the idea into a feature film."

With that simple phone call, Eisner transformed from a hungry film fan into a professional filmmaker.

Next week his blood-soaked vision debuts across Canada, promising one of the most depraved and giddily entertaining cinematic experiences to ever come out of our country.

It's something the filmmaker hopes won't be an isolated incident.

"Hopefully this might open some doors to make more movies like this in Canada. I'd love it, because we could make some pretty insane cinema up here if given the chance."

Grindhouse

The term grindhouse exploded with Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez's 2007 instant cult classics Planet Terror and Death Proof.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE GOOFY FILM KIND

In Focus

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▶ E.T. leads the way home in this 1982 classic.

Usually on-screen E.T.s are presented as either nurturing, evolved beings from another planet sent here to help mankind, or vicious world domination types, intent on colonizing or destroying Earth. But movies often encounter a third kind of movie alien – the goofy intergalactic visitor.

In this weekend's release of Paul, nerd superstars Simon Pegg and Nick Frost play Brit sci-fi geeks on a pilgrimage to some of America's UFO hotspots. Along the way they help Paul (voice of Seth Rogen), an irreverent alien with a taste for silly gags and Bob Dylan jokes, to get back to his home planet. Think of it as E.T. for frat boys and you get the idea.

In the world the movie creates, the idea of a wise-cracking alien makes perfect sense, but adding an E.T. doesn't always fit so well. Take Meatballs Part 2, for instance. The addition of Meathead, a grey, rubber-skinned alien sent to Camp Sasquatch to earn an Earth merit badge, hardly improves on the original Bill Murray classic.

The fun loving aliens of Earth Girls Are Easy are put to better use. The movie's plot is best summed up by manicurist Valerie (Geena Davis) as she enlists her friend Candy (Julie Brown) to give the aliens a makeover: "A UFO landed in my pool and they captured me but we made friends and I fed them Pop-Tarts and … we've got to cut their hair."

Once shaved the former red-, blue- and yellow-furred wookies look a lot like Jeff Goldblum, Jim Carrey and Damon Wayans, and are ready to hit the L.A. clubs in search of love. They may be aliens, Candy says, "but they can still be dates!"

One of the most memorable movie aliens is Mathesar, the haute-contre voiced Thermian leader played by Enrico Colantoni in Galaxy Quest. Learning everything he knows about Earth from television transmissions, he turns to the cast of a cancelled sci-fi show to help save his planet.

The best scene is when one of the actors, Gwen DeMarco (Sigourney Weaver), explains that TV shows are not "historical documents." "Surely you don't think Gilligan's Island is a …"

"Those poor people," Mathesar interrupts.

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McConaughey gets sketchier role in Lincoln

The Lincoln Lawyer
Director: Bead Furman
Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Ryan Philippe.
●●½
Brad Furman's legal thriller cruises along for the first half of its running time on a smartly chosen rap soundtrack and the charisma of leading man Matthew McConaughey.

Coming off a period in which he's been reinvented as a romantic comedy star, McConaughey is obviously having fun with a sketchier part: his Mickey Haller is a tarnished-white-knight figure, a scandal-plagued Los Angeles attorney who lines his pockets by winning settlements for a conspicuously scuzzy clientele.

The Lincoln Lawyer is adapted from a potboiler by Michael Connelly, and it never transcends its source material's airport-paperback plotting: it's pretty obvious here things are going from the first, tense scene between McConaughey's Mickey Haller and Ryan Philippe as a callow trust-fund kid accused of sexual assault.

Marisa Tomei and William H. Macy contribute nicely sketched supporting performances (as Mickey's ex-wife and investigator, respectively), but the contrivance-laden story finally stretches credibility past the breaking point.

● ADAM NAYMAN

Dogtooth
Director: Yorgos Lanthimos
Stars: Christos Stergioglou, Michelle Valley
●●●● ½
Yorgos Lanthimos' Dogtooth focuses on a suburban family whose dysfunction has been highly systematized.

For reasons that are never fully explained, the father (Christos Stergioglou) has raised his brood to be oblivious to the outside world, inscribing various odd behaviours. As an allegory for authoritarianism, Dogtooth is cogent and frightening. This is one of the year's essential foreign imports.

● ADAM NAYMAN

Paul
Director: Greg Mottola
Stars: Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Seth Rogen
●●●½
Paul reunites the comedy duo of Simon Pegg and Nick Frost with considerable expectations following the cult success of Hot Fuzz and Shaun Of The Dead. It's the first film they've written together and their first without Edgar Wright (Scott Pilgrim) in the director's chair. As a result, it never quite hits the movie-drunk highs of their previous efforts, but certainly plays far better than any other comedy currently in theatres.

● PHIL BROWN

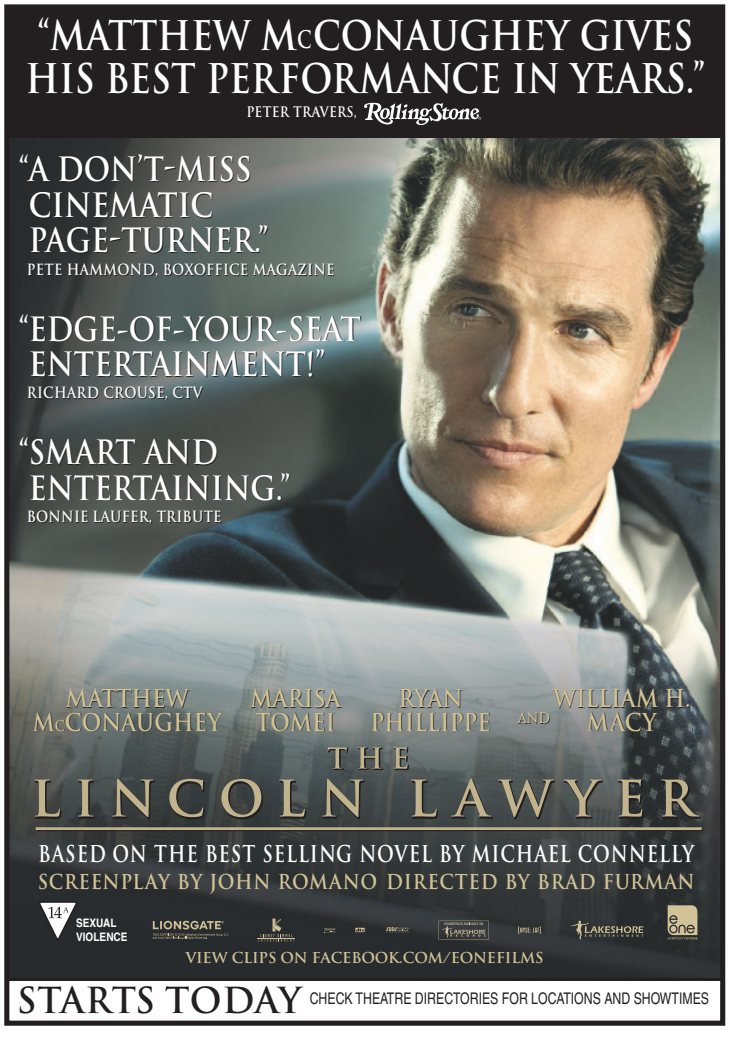
When We Leave
Director: Feo Aladag
Stars: Sibel Kekilli, Nizam Schiller.
●●●½
Sibel Kekilli is superb in Feo Aladag's melodrama about a Turkish woman who walks out on her abusive husband in Istanbul only to find her family waiting unsympathetically in Berlin.

As a study of cultural identity and assimilation, When We Leave is passable — as a showcase for its star, however, it's nearly perfect.

● ADAM NAYMAN

I Saw The Devil
Director: Jee-Woon Kim
Stars: Byung-hun Lee, Min-sik Choi, Gook-hwan Jeon
●●●●
Make no mistake. I Saw The Devil is a sick and depraved serial killer movie that sets out to disturb and succeeds in a big bad way. Korea has been producing arguably the best genre movies in the world for a decade and Jee-Woon Kim's latest just might be the country's most unsettling export yet. It's about a serial killer who brutally murders the fiancée of a special agent, who then hunts down the killer and punishes him in ways that blur the line between hero and foe. ● PHIL BROWN

The Year Dolly Parton Was My Mom
Director: Tara Johns
Stars: Julia Stone, Gil Bellows
●●●
At the onset of puberty, pre-teen Elizabeth (Julie Stone) discovers that she is adopted. It's devastating of course, until she reasons that Dolly Parton may be her biological mama and sets out to confront the singing legend. The Year Dolly Parton Was My Mom is punctuated with solid performances, a keen eye on the art direction of the 1970s and Canadian themes. ● STEVE GOW



Carmen in 3-D?

▶ Opera Singers perform Carmen in this celebrated American opera, a director Francesca Zambella's production.

Carmen is a French opéra comique based on a novel about a fiery gypsy

Free with her love, Carmen's passions ultimately lead to her demise

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The classic opera Carmen is hardly something that you'd think of as fodder for a 3-D movie (especially when it doesn't star Nicholas Cage), but next week the unlikely Carmen 3-D hits theatres nonetheless. The film is a 3-D recording of a live performance of Francesca Zambella's much loved 2006 production from British director Julian Napier, who has been experimenting with digital 3-D for a decade.

For Napier, the goal wasn't to adapt the production to suit his needs, but to use new technology to present a masterful rendition of Carmen to audiences worldwide.

"I was trying to find a way to translate what was already there into a new medium," Napier told Metro. "Zambella's original production was fantastic and the reason we picked it was because it was already so cinematic and epic. I really didn't see it as my duty or place to go in and tamper with a wonderful production, so any minor tweaks I made were purely for the camera."

Napier filmed the project over two nights and created a rather amazing experience that puts the audience onstage with the actors. It's an approach that he developed while planning the film.

"I vividly remember having an epiphany in rehearsal," explained the director. "I had never been that close to an opera singer before and you generally don't (get to) because they normally perform in auditoriums. But standing there three feet away from the singers — I wept. It was so emotionally charged just being that close to someone while they open this extraordinary instrument. I remember thinking, That is precisely what I have to do with this film. I have to give people that privileged point of view."

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JULIAN NAPIER, DIRECTOR

The approach is certainly unique and effective, but how much of an overlap exists between the opera crowd and the audience for films requiring plastic glasses remains to be seen.

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OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
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Hubble (STC) A.M. Fri 11 Sat-Thu 1-3
The Ultimate Wave Tahiti (STC) Sat-Thu 2

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Mars Needs Moms 3D (G) Fri 5-7:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:30 Mon-Thu 2:45-5-7:30

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Barney's Version (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:30
Biutiful (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
Incendies (PG) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50 Thu 1:40-4:20-9:50
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:05-9:40
Of Gods and Men (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:15-9:45

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Blue Valentine (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:05-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:20
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Mon-Thu 2:05
The Fighter (14A) Fri-Sun 6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:05
Funkytown (14A) Fri 6:55-9:40 Sat-Sun 4:25-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:30
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 4:20-6:40 Mon-Thu 5:45
Gulliver's Travels (G) Mon-Thu 2:15
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Mon-Thu 2
I Am Number Four (PG) Fri 6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:15-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:10
The Illusionist (STC) Fri 6:35-9:35 Sat-Sun 4:10-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:15
Inside Job (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) Sat-Sun 4
Megamind (G) Mon-Thu 2:10
The Roommate (PG) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 8
Yogi Bear (G) Mon-Thu 2:20

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Fair Game (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Red (PG) Fri 9:25 Sat-Sun 3:25-9:25 Mon-Thu 9:25

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Battle: Los Angeles (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Presentation, No Passes Fri 7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Presentation, No Passes Sat-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Rango (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Presentation Fri 6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Presentation Sat-Thu 1:15-4:15-6:45-9:30
Red Riding Hood (PG) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 7:15-9:55 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:55

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

The Brigand of Tacca del Lupo (STC) Sat 7
Fantasia (STC) Sun 1
A Garibaldian in the Convent (STC) Fri 7 Sun 8:35
Liberty (STC) Sat 9 Sun 6:30
My Man Godfrey (STC) Fri 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue-Wed
A Permanent Longing for Elsewhere (STC) Mon 7:30
We Vancouver: Michael Turner Presents Skip Tracer (STC) Thu 7

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Jane Eyre (G) A.M. Sun 10
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Sat 4-7-9:25 Sun 1:30-4-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:25
Lucia di Lammermoor-Donizetti (STC) A.M. Sat 10

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri 4-7-9:25 Sat 1:30-4-7-9:25 Sun 1:30-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:25

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Battle Royale (STC) Fri 12
Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation 2011 (STC) Fri-Wed 4:20-7-9:30
Sucker Punch (14A) Thu 11:55

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:20 No Passes Thu 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-7:20-9:40-10:20
Just Go With It (PG) Fri 1:15-4:30-7:40-10:30 Sat 4:30-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:15-4:30-7:40-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:40-10:30
The King's Speech (PG) Fri 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat 10:20-12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun-Tue 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 12:45-3:30-6:30 Thu 12:45-3:30-6:50-9:30
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Lord of the Dance 3D (G) Sun 1 Thu 7
The Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) (STC) Sat 10
Rango (PG) Fri 1-4-7-9:50 Sat 10:30-1-4-7-9:50 Sun-Wed 1-4-7-9:50 Thu 12:30-1-3:25-4-7-9:50 Fri-Sun 12:30-3:25
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:15-7:15-10 Thu 1:30-4:15-6:40-7:15-9:20-10 Fri-Sun 6:40-9:20
Unknown (PG) Fri 1:40-4:25-7:30-10:25 Sat-Sun 4:25-7:30-10:25 Mon 1:40-4:25-7:30-10:25 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:30-10:25

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street,
604-683-Film
vifc.org

Distant Voices, Still Lives (STC) Sun 12
Dogtooth (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 2:45-6:45 Sun 4:45-8:45 Mon 6:30 Wed 6:30 Thu 8:45
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
When We Leave (STC) Fri 8:20 Sat 4:30-8:30 Sun 6:30 Mon 8:20 Wed 8:20 Thu 6:30

VAN EAST CINEMA
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Call Theatre For Showtimes (STC) Fri-Thu

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
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Barney's Version (STC) Fri-Thu 6:40-9:40
Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri 1:25-3:50-6:45-7:15-9:35-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-1:25-3:50-4:10-6:45-7:15-9:35-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:45-7:15-9:35-10
Beastly (PG) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat 1:20-4:15-6:30-9:20 Sun 4:15-6:30-9:20 Mon-Wed 6:30-9:20 Thu 9:20
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:40
Limitless (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:7-9:30
Lord of the Dance 3D (G) Sun 1 Thu 7
Mars Needs Moms 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:3-30-7:10-9:25
Megamind (G) Fri 1:10-4:10 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10
Yogi Bear (G) Fri 1:20-4:15 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:15

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:9:40

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The King's Speech (PG) Fri 1:10-4-6:50-9:30 Sat 4-6:50-9:30 Sun-Tue 1:10-4-6:50-9:30 Wed 1:10-4-9:30 Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:30
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:30-7:20-9:55 Thu 4:30-7:20-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) (STC) Sat 10
Paul (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-3:40-6:40-9:20 No Passes Thu 3:40-6:40-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Rango (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:30-9:10
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:10-9:45

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri 4:25-7:10-9:40 Sat-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:40
Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri 4:15-7:05-9:45 No Passes Sat-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:45
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri 4:30-6:55-9 Sat-Thu 1:45-4:30-6:55-9
I Am Number Four (PG) Fri 4:35-7:15-9:50 Sat-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:50
Rango (PG) Fri 4:20-7-9:35 Sat-Thu 1:35-4:20-7-9:35
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:55 Sat-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:55

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way,
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The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:20-6:20-9:30
Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:12:45-3-3:45-6:30-7-9:45-10:15
Beastly (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:35-7:05-9:40
The Butcher, the Chef, and the Swordsman (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:25-7:10-10
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Sat 12:15-2:35-5-7:20 Sun 5-7:20 Mon-Wed 12:15-2:35-5-7:20 Thu 12:15-2:35-5
Hall Pass (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-7:45-10:40
I Am Number Four The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Thu 1:30-4:15
Just Go With It (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never - Director's Fan Cut 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 9:50
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:50-10:10
Limitless (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-7:10-10:25
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Wed 1-4:15-7:30-10:35 Thu 4:15-7:30-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Lord of the Dance 3D (G) Sun 1 Thu 7
Mars Needs Moms (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:45-9:35
Mars Needs Moms 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:55-7:30-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) (STC) Sat 10
Paul (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:30-7:50-10:45
Rango (PG) Fri-Wed 12:20-1:20-3:15-4:15-6:15-7:15-10 Thu 12:20-3:15-4:15-6:15-7:15-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:10-10:20 Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:50-10:45
Unknown (PG) Fri 12:35-3:25-6:35-9:55 Sat 3:25-6:35-9:55 Sun-Thu 12:35-3:25-6:35-9:55

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30
Hall Pass (14A) Fri-Thu 9
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) Fri-Thu 4:45
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 6:45
Rango (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30-4:45-7-9:05

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:1:45-4-4:45-7-7:45-10-10:45
The Butcher, the Chef, and the Swordsman (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Limitless (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35
Mars Needs Moms 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) (STC) Sat 10
Paul (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40
Rango (PG) Fri 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat 2:45-5:20-7:50-10:25 Sun-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:15-10:15

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Beastly (PG) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25-10:30
Black Swan (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri 4:25-7:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Hall Pass (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:25
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 4-7 Sat-Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
I Am Number Four (PG) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:15
Just Go With It (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
The King's Speech (PG) Fri 4:05-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10
Unknown (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:50
Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:20 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-4-6:55-9:45
Beastly (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-7-9:30
The Butcher, the Chef, and the Swordsman (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:45-10:05
Detective K (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:05
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Sat 12:30-2:50-5-7:10-9:35 Sun 5-7:10-9:35 Mon-Wed 12:30-2:50-5-7:10-9:35 Thu 12:30-2:50-5-9:35
Hall Pass (14A) Fri 1:25-4:25-7:05-9:50 Sat 4:25-7:05-9:50 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:05-9:50
I Am Number Four (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
Just Go With It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25-7:20-10
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:35-9:40
Limitless (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-3:55-7:15-9:55 Wed 3:55-7:15-9:55 Thu 1:15-3:55-7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:05-7:10-10 Wed 4:05-7:10-10 Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Lord of the Dance 3D (G) Sun 1 Thu 7
Mars Needs Moms (G) Fri-Thu 1:3-30-6:55
Mars Needs Moms 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:5-25-7:35-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) (STC) Sat 10
Paul (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-10:15
Rango (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-1:45-3:45-4:35-6:45-7:20-9:25-10
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-6:50-9:30 Fri-Thu 1:35-4:10-7:30-10:05
Unknown (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:45

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The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Sat-Thu 1:30
Just Go With It (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Tangled (STC) Sat-Thu 3:15

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey,
604-592-4441

The Green Hornet (14A) Fri-Thu 8:30
Gulliver's Travels (G) Fri-Thu 2:30-5-6:45
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:30-6:30-8:30
Megamind (G) Fri-Thu 12:30
Tangled (STC) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45-5
Unknown (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:10
Yogi Bear (G) Fri-Thu 2:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:10-10
Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:45-10:30
Beastly (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:30
Hall Pass (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:45-7:50-10:20
Just Go With It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:50
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
Limitless (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:45-7-9:45 Wed 3:45-7-9:45 Thu 12:45-3:45-7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4-7:15-10:10 Wed 4-7:15-10:10 Thu 1-4-7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Mars Needs Moms 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:20-9:40
Paul (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:15
Rango (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:45-9:30
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:40-9:20

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
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Battle: Los Angeles (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7-7:30-9:45-10:15
Beastly (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 2:05-4:40-6:50-10
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45
Gulliver's Travels (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15
Hall Pass (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:55-4:50-7:25-10:05 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7:25-10:05
Limitless (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:35-4:55-7:35-10:10
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:15-4-6:55-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 4-6:55-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:15-4-6:55-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 1:15
Mars Needs Moms 3D (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 2-4:25-7:15-9:30
Megamind (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 1:55-4:50
Paul (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:10-9:50
Red Riding Hood (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15
Unknown (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:50-4:35-7:20-9:55 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7:20-9:55
Yogi Bear (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35

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The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri 7:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:10
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

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Battle: Los Angeles (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Thu 2-7-9:30
Mars Needs Moms (G) Fri 7:30-9:15 Sat-Thu 2:30-7:30-9:15
Rango (PG) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Thu 2:10-7:10-9:20
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri 7:20-9:25 Sat-Thu 2:20-7:20-9:25

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

The Adjustment Bureau (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:15
Battle: Los Angeles (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7-10 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:30-10:30
Beastly (PG) Fri-Sat 12:55-3:55-6:50-9:35 Sun 3:55-6:50-9:35 Mon-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:50-9:35 Wed 12-6:50-9:35 Thu 12:55-3:55-6:50-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:05-2:35-5-7:25-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:05-2:15-4:30-9:40
Hall Pass (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-6:55-10:10
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IT'S SPRING — SO LOOK AT THE NEW MUSIC CROP

I am, and I suspect you are, too, sick of winter. With spring arriving on at 7:21 EDT Sunday night — a little earlier than usual thanks to the celestial vagaries of the vernal equinox — we can start looking at not only warm weather but some major album releases. And after a rather dull Q1, things are looking up — especially if you're a rock fan.

Just look at what we're getting Tuesday, which is the first truly important release day of 2011. The guess is Green Day will have a studio album for us in the fall (please, God, let it not be another rock opera) and to keep us occupied, they have Awesome As F**K, a live CD/DVD from their 21st Century Breakdown tour. More live music will come from the reconstituted Soundgarden in the form of Live on I5, which is hopefully an amuse bouche for an album of new material later this year.

Hipsters, meanwhile, are trying not to appear curious about the return of The Strokes with Angles, their first album after a five year acrimonious walkabout. Other albums to watch include the apparently post-emo version of Panic! At the Disco with Vices & Virtues and All You Need is Now, which is 80 per cent original (and well-aged) Duran Duran.

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▶ The Strokes return with their first album in five years.

Momentum builds on March 29 with anticipated albums from Sum 41 (Screaming Bloody Murder), Boxer Rebellion (Cold Still), Generationals (Actor-Caster), and The Pains of Being Pure at Heart (Belong). And then there's the matter of Britney Spears, who will inexplicably end up with another number one album with Femme Fatale.

It just takes a tweet or two

Here's a question the members of the duo The Civil Wars have been contemplating a lot lately: What's the value of a star's tweet? Or two? Or three?

For Joy Williams and John Paul White, tweets by Taylor Swift, Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum and Sara Bareilles, among many others, helped drive first-week sales of their debut album, Barton Hollow, to levels they didn't expect. They sold out one tour and now have a more ambitious schedule down the road, had their video added by CMT, and now have at their fingertips limitless possibilities that good old-fashioned word of mouth brings in the Internet age.

"Instantly, with one click, five million people knew our names," White said of Swift's tweet.

Swift threw her support behind the duo when she told fans she was listening to Poison & Wine: "You can't push 'repeat' on vinyl so I keep setting the needle back on my record player."

And that — combined with other unexpected national word-of-mouth opportunities — helped the band sell five times as many copies of Barton Hollow in its opening week in February than expected. The album debuted at No. 12 on the Billboard 200 with about 25,000 copies sold. After five weeks it's climbing steadily at 50,000.

After catching a show in Nashville, Swift told fans she and a friend bought T-shirts "cause we're superfanssss. They RULE live!"

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▶ John Paul White and Joy Williams (left and right) of The Civil Wars pose with Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum (second left), and Taylor Swift in Nashville.

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Gettin' tipsy with her tea?

Lohan reportedly consuming fermented beverage

While Lindsay Lohan is staying alcohol-free to comply with court instructions, she reportedly admitted to her probation officer that she's been imbibing in small quantities thanks to a fermented tea, Kombucha, she enjoys, according to TMZ. The beverage's label mentions it contains trace amounts of alcohol, but that's enough for the court to take notice.

The infraction has reportedly been added to Lohan's probation report and will be taken into consideration when a judge reviews her probation agreement.

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Booked on a big night

Mel Gibson deals with misdemeanour battery charges on same evening as Beaver movie premiere

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California authorities say Mel Gibson was booked and released on a misdemeanour battery charge as part of the criminal case involving his former girlfriend.

Jail records show the actor-director turned himself in Wednesday to the El Segundo Police Department.

He was fingerprinted and his mug shot was taken, a requirement of a plea deal that resulted in him being on probation for three years and attending a year of domestic violence counselling.

The 55-year-old Oscar winner was accused of striking his then-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva during a January 2010 fight, but his no contest plea on Friday did not include an admission of guilt.

Gibson opted to turn himself in on the same night his film The Beaver premiered at the South by Southwest film festival in Austin, Texas.

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Snooki [@Sn00ki] Kewl my eyelashes are floating in the pacific ocean thank you Jet Ski.

Dax Shepard [@daxshepard1] LA, you get a a lot of things wrong. Weather is not one of them.

Pee-wee Herman [@peewee-herman] There's a marching band outside the convention center! You guys didn't have to go to such trouble!

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Twilight actress and Jonas Bro split: Source

Joe Jonas and Twilight star Ashlee Greene have reportedly split up, according to Page Six. "It was mutual and amicable," a source says of the breakup. The source adds that the main factor in the split was the stars' hectic work schedules.

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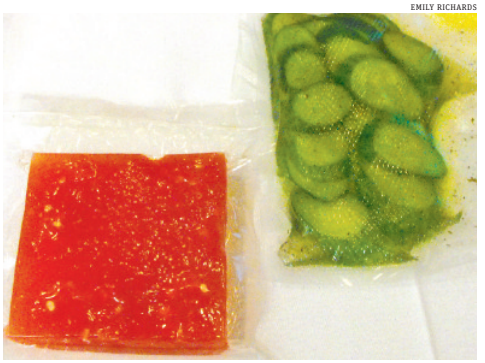

▶ Clock-wise: A new take on Caprese Salad; compressed fruits and veggies have an intense taste and firmer texture; melon ball caviar can be enjoyed on its own; smoked salmon and bagel powder with onions and sesame seeds.

The science of food

Molecular gastronomy recreates your favourite eats — with delicious results

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How would you feel about biting into a smoked salmon bagel with capers and cream cheese?

Many would enjoy this tasty snack that is eaten sans fork or spoon.

But at Humber College in Toronto, Chef John Placko's molecular gastronomy course is helping people to rethink what they know about bagels and other foods by showing them that they can enjoy the same flavours using utensils.

Beet purée, for example, is turned into spaghetti while ice cream custard — frozen solid on the outside — turns creamy and rich on the inside after being dipped in a bath of liquid nitrogen.

"Molecular gastronomy is a modern style of cooking," explains Placko. "It takes advantage of technology and ingredient innovations to create food with unique textures and flavour combinations.

"It's also about replicating the same perfect result each and every time with the use of unique equipment in the kitchen like the Pacojet, Thermomix, immersion circulators and vacuum sealers."

Made famous by chefs like Ferran Adria from El Bulli restaurant in Spain, and other world top restaurants like Fat Duck and Noma, the molecular gastronomy trend has moved across the world and reached restaurants and bars in North America.

It is most often used in different forms by mixologists to create drinks.

"Most of the Top 10 restaurants in the world today rely on their own team of dedicated chefs working on research-driven cuisine (molecular gastronomy)," Placko says.

Sampling the scientific food was an experience.

The melon caviar was full of flavour and burst on its own. It would be a perfect addition to any beverage. Meanwhile, truffle oil scented snow was pungent in aroma, but a small taste offered big flavour. The price of truffle oil can be costly so by mixing it with maltodextrin, the flavour is absorbed, ensuring only a small amount is used.

The dish that I found most interesting was the kangaroo tenderloin, which was cooked sous-vide, seared with a blowtorch and served on compressed watermelon.

In the sous-vide method, the protein is sealed in a bag with flavour to marinate and is cooked in water at a very low temperature for a long time. An example offered in the course was a poached egg that had been poached for one hour — most eggs only take about three minutes to be poached in boiling water.

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Though Chile's reputation for making consistent, quality wines at affordable prices may have done its winemakers well, try to find someone who doesn't raise an eyebrow when confronted with a Chilean wine over $15.

It's a classic case of the country being so good at making inexpensive wines that consumers wonder why they should pay more. That's too bad because Chile makes plenty of amazing ultra premium wines that taste as impressive as their price tags.

The king of South America's upper liquid echelon is Concha y Toro's Don Melchor ($69.95 - $79.99). The 2007 vintage is the 20th edition of a wine that stands glass to glass with some of the world's finest cabernet sauvignon-led juice.

Surprisingly drinkable at a young age, the 2007's dark fruit flavours show an edge of chocolate and black coffee.

It should age well over the next 10 years if the idea of matching it with a steak doesn't convince you to open it tonight.

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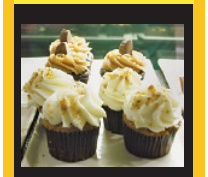
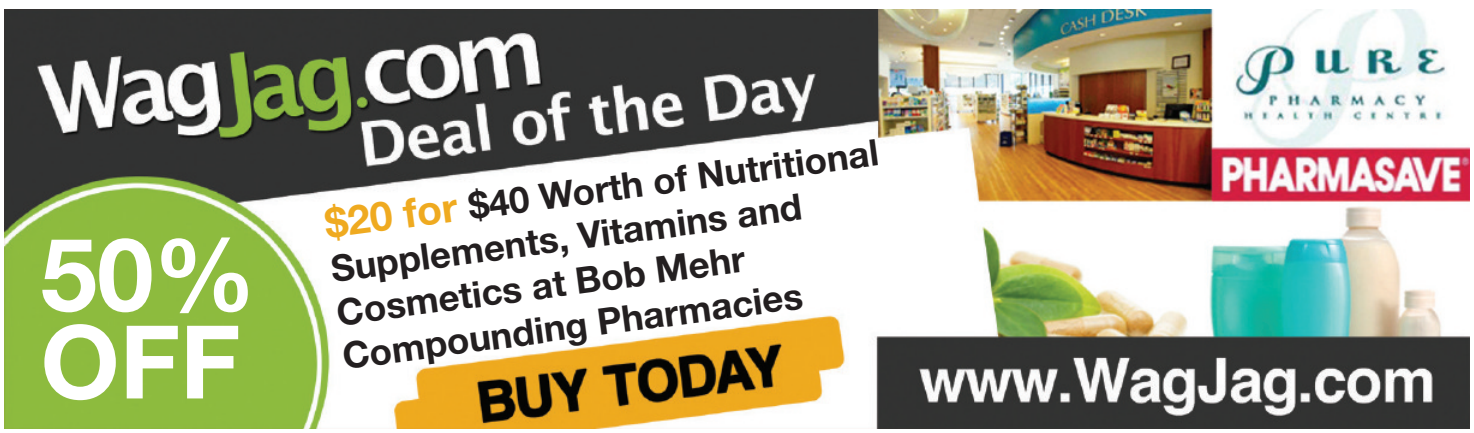
Dainty desserts



From Mini-Blizzards at Dairy Queen to the line of Petites launched by Starbucks, sweets are shrinking to fit a craving for snack-size portions.

Smaller desserts, however, started some years ago, says Kathy Hayden of Mintel research company. Eating healthier was one factor. And when the economy went sour, the smaller price tag of tiny treats became all that much sweeter. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Food trends mystery: How bacon got its sizzle and how people got sweet on cupcakes.



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Malholtra's role not easily filled

Canucks hope depth comes through after another injury to key player

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▶ Manny Malhotra leaves the ice after being struck in the eye by a puck Wednesday.

Faceoff ace Manny Malhotra will be lost to the Vancouver Canucks indefinitely with an eye injury that has already required one surgical procedure.

Coach Alain Vigneault said after practice Thursday that Malhotra's vision was affected after he was hit by a puck in Wednesday's 4-2 win over the Colorado Avalanche.

Malhotra, who does not wear a visor, was to see a specialist later Thursday.

"I couldn't speculate until the specialist sees him and more tests are done," Vigneault said when asked if there was any indication how long Malhotra will be out of the lineup.

"We've got a big hole to fill but we've got some guys in here that are able to do that job."
ROBERTO LUONGO ON INJURED CENTRE MANNY MALHOLTRA

The Canucks, who became the first club to clinch a playoff berth with Wednesday's win, are used to plugging lineup holes. They've used 39 players this season, most in the league.

The third-line centre, who is second among NHL faceoff men with a 61.7 win percentage, was struck by a deflected puck in the second period as he skated near the boards in the neutral zone. He went directly to a hospital.

Defenceman Kevin Bieksa, close to returning after missing 14 games with a broken foot, said Malhotra contributes more than his 11 goals and 30 points.

"He's a lot more valuable," Bieksa said of the Toronto native. "You could even call him our most valuable player for the season.

"He's a voice on the bench, does a lot of things right, but first and foremost we just hope he's OK."

Malhotra has won 778 faceoffs this season, including 145 when the Canucks have been short-handed.

The Canucks lead the NHL with a 28.8 per cent penalty kill.

"It's unfortunate but it's a part of hockey," goaltender Roberto Luongo said of Malhotra's injury.

"Even though we've had injuries pretty much the whole second half of the year, we've been able to keep winning games."
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"It's encouraging to see that he will be able to start his training in a short time and should be able to play in the playoffs."
MONTREAL CANADIENS COACH JACQUES MARTIN ON THE STATUS OF INJURED FORWARD MAX PACIORETTY, WHO SUFFERED A SEVERE CONCUSSION AND A FRACTURED VERTABRA ON A HIT FROM BOSTON'S ZDENO CHARA MARCH 8. DOCTORS HAVE TOLD THE TEAM PACIORETTY WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME TRAINING, WITH CONTACT, IN THREE TO FIVE WEEKS

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Nonis named GM for Canada

Next month

A training camp will be held in Paris and Prague featuring two exhibition games before Canada opens the tournament in Kosice, Slovakia, with a game against Belarus April 29.

This time around, Dave Nonis is the No. 1 man with the Maple Leaf. And he's ready to stare down Brian Burke or anyone else that gets in the way.

The new general manager of Canada's entry at the upcoming IIHF World Hockey Championship made it clear where his allegiances lie after officially taking the position Thursday. He will find himself going head-to-head with Burke, his boss with the Toronto Maple Leafs and a longtime friend who will be part of the U.S. management team.

"This isn't anything to do with myself against Brian or any kind of side bets or anything like that," said Nonis. "The fact is that there's a number of good teams — the U.S. will have an excellent team in this tournament, the Czechs always do, the Russians are the No. 1-ranked team in the world.

"It's about putting the best Canadian team together and beating whoever we play." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ice time a small win for healing Crosby

Sidney Crosby is taking it slowly, cautiously, if only because he has no other choice.

He has known no speed except exceedingly fast during his hockey career, but at 2½ months this is by far the longest he has been sidelined since entering the NHL in 2005.

Normally, he would be racing to get back in the Penguins lineup but this injury is different — concussions aren't so predictable, aren't so forgiving.

So, for now, Crosby returns to the ice only in short, measured bursts.

He wants a lot more, but his doctors — and his injury —won't allow it.

"I don't want symptoms and I don't want to rush anything," said Crosby. "I know it's going to take time. Not doing anything for two-and-a-half months, you feel it."

For weeks, anything resembling physical activity brought on lingering headaches. In time Crosby could ride an exercise bike without experiencing symptoms.

Then came an on-ice session Monday, shooting a few pucks and skating around cones. With no setbacks, he did the same Tuesday. And Thursday.

What's encouraging for Crosby is that after weeks he is finally seeing some discernable and measurable progress.

Before the injury, Crosby was having the season of his career with 32 goals and 34 assists in 41 games.

Alex Ovechkin of Washington, for example, remains three goals behind Crosby despite playing in 31 more games.

The Penguins have surprisingly stayed near the top of the Eastern Conference standings despite being without Crosby and Evgeni Malkin (season-ending knee surgery).
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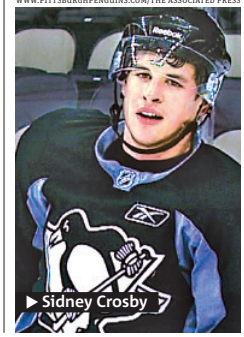

▶ Sidney Crosby

NCAA in pictures

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1 Kevin Anderson scored 16 of his 25 points in the second half, including a floater with 18.7 seconds remaining that helped seal 12th-seeded Richmond's 69-66 win over No. 5 seed Vanderbilt in the Southwest regional Thursday.

2 Juan Fernandez sank an off-balance 18-footer with less than one second to play to give Temple a wild 66-64 victory over Penn State.

3 Demonte Harper made a three-pointer from the top of the circle with 4.2 seconds left to lead 13th-seeded Morehead State to a 62-61 victory over No. 4 Louisville.

4 Freshman Brandon Knight, held scoreless for more than 39 minutes, made a driving layup with two seconds remaining to lift No. 4 seed Kentucky to a 59-57 win over 13th-seeded Princeton.

5 Matt Howard scored a tip-in at the buzzer, giving eighth-seeded Butler a victory over Old Dominion in the Southeast regional. After Shawn Vanzant missed, Howard went up and put the ball in just before time expired. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Jay DeMerit, left, and Michael Boxall take part in a Whitecaps practice session on Thursday.

Captain's voyage hasn't been easy

DeMerit hopes to use challenges he has faced to lead Whitecaps

Jay DeMerit has walked the road less travelled.

The defender with the quick wit and piercing blue eyes has seen the hard times and believes they have shaped him into the person he is.

DeMerit knows the Vancouver Whitecaps will face many obstacles as they navigate their first season of Major League Soccer. For him, that's part of the fun.

"Already, as a team we are being written off," the Whitecaps captain said with a smile. "We'll be lucky if we don't finish dead last.

"I'm reading articles like that, but that excites me. Because that's more people we can prove wrong."

The Whitecaps made DeMerit the team's first MLS signing last November.

The central defender was undrafted after playing soccer at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He worked as a bouncer to raise money, then travelled to Britain with $1,800 US in his pocket and the dream of playing professionally.

In 2004 he started with a seventh-tier side and worked his way up to being captain of Watford FC. In May of 2006 he scored a storied header in a 3-0 win over Leeds United which gained Watford promotion to the Premier League.

> **"I'm here for a purpose. My purpose will hopefully take more than a year."**
> JAY DEMERIT

DeMerit played his first match with the U.S. national team in March 2007 and was part of the U.S. World Cup team last summer.

A lingering groin injury kept DeMerit out of practice most of this week and left him questionable for Vancouver's first MLS game Saturday against Toronto FC at Empire Field (TSN, 3:30 p.m.).

He was back at practice Thursday and swears he will be ready to play.

"To get through the training session today was the ultimate goal, and tomorrow we'll get some more fitness under my belt and be ready to rock on Saturday," DeMerit said.

At five foot 11, the solidly built DeMerit isn't the biggest player on the Whitecaps roster, or the fastest. His skills are understated.

"He plays to his strengths," said Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi. "He'll make it difficult for the opposing strikers.

"He's not a player you will look at and say, 'Wow, what a passer' or 'Look at the way he dribbles.' He does all the simple things well."

Besides his talent, DeMerit brings leadership to the Whitecaps. He has a proven background on the pitch combined with an easygoing manner in the dressing room.

"He's very vocal," said goalkeeper Jay Nolly. "He has lots of experience."

"He's trying to build the young players up."

During a match DeMerit is like a general on the back line. The 31-year-old barks out orders, directs the alignments.

In the dressing room, he offers support and advice.

"You have to do (it) in the right way," DeMerit said. "You can't be a yeller and belittle somebody.

"The point is we are all here to help as a unit. If we help each other and listen to each other, then we are going to be better as a group." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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d-Philadelphia	70	43	19	4	4	225	188	94	21-10-2-2	22-9-2-2	4-4-1-1	L1
d-Washington	72	41	21	5	5	195	176	92	22-8-2-5	19-13-3-0	9-1-0-0	L1
d-Boston	70	39	21	5	5	211	170	88	16-12-3-2	23-9-2-3	5-3-2-0	L1
Pittsburgh	71	41	22	5	3	206	172	90	22-12-2-0	19-10-3-3	5-2-3-0	W2
Tampa Bay	71	39	22	4	6	212	214	88	22-9-1-4	17-13-3-2	3-4-1-2	L1
Montreal	71	39	25	4	3	189	178	85	22-9-3-3	17-16-1-0	7-3-0-0	W1
NY Rangers	71	37	30	2	2	204	174	78	16-17-1-2	21-13-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Buffalo	70	34	28	7	1	203	202	76	15-16-2-1	19-12-5-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Carolina	71	32	29	5	5	198	212	74	18-12-2-2	14-17-3-3	2-7-1-0	L1
Atlanta	71	30	29	5	7	200	229	72	15-14-2-5	15-15-3-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Toronto	72	31	31	5	5	187	223	72	16-14-3-4	15-17-2-1	4-4-2-0	L1
New Jersey	70	33	33	3	1	151	179	70	17-14-2-1	16-19-0-1	7-3-0-0	L1
Florida	71	29	33	5	4	179	194	67	15-15-5-3	14-18-0-1	3-5-2-0	W1
NY Islanders	71	27	33	6	5	197	226	65	16-15-1-4	11-18-5-1	4-2-3-1	L2
Ottawa	71	26	36	5	4	161	221	61	12-19-2-3	14-17-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
y-Vancouver	72	47	16	4	5	237	169	103	25-7-1-4	22-9-3-1	8-2-0-0	W7
d-Detroit	71	43	20	5	3	232	201	94	19-11-3-2	24-9-2-1	6-2-1-1	W4
d-San Jose	72	41	23	4	4	206	188	90	19-11-2-3	22-12-2-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Phoenix	72	38	23	7	4	209	204	87	17-11-4-2	21-12-3-2	5-3-1-1	W4
Los Angeles	71	40	26	3	2	196	174	85	20-12-2-0	20-14-1-2	6-3-1-0	L1
Chicago	71	38	25	3	5	232	202	84	22-14-0-0	16-11-4-4	6-2-1-1	L1
Dallas	71	38	25	3	5	201	199	84	20-11-2-4	18-14-1-1	5-3-2-0	W1
Calgary	73	37	27	3	6	222	209	83	22-12-1-3	15-15-2-3	6-4-0-0	W1
Nashville	71	36	25	6	4	183	168	82	18-8-4-3	18-18-1-1	5-3-1-1	W1
Anaheim	70	38	27	3	2	197	203	81	22-12-1-1	16-15-2-1	6-3-1-0	W1
Minnesota	71	35	29	2	5	180	191	77	17-13-1-3	18-16-1-2	3-6-1-0	L4
Columbus	70	32	28	4	6	190	211	74	16-15-1-3	16-13-3-3	1-5-1-3	L2
St. Louis	71	32	30	4	5	198	209	73	20-12-1-3	12-18-3-2	4-6-0-0	W1
Colorado	70	26	36	7	1	195	248	60	14-17-4-0	12-19-3-1	0-9-0-1	L 10
Edmonton	71	23	39	2	7	173	234	55	12-20-1-3	11-19-2-3	3-6-1-0	L5

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Florida 4 Toronto 0
Ottawa 3 New Jersey 1
Calgary 5 Colorado 2
Phoenix 3 Edmonton 1
Atlanta 4 Philadelphia 3 (SO)
Detroit 2 Columbus 0
Montreal 3 Tampa Bay 2 (SO)
Nashville 4 Boston 3 (OT)
Dallas 5 Chicago 0
St. Louis 4 Los Angeles 0
San Jose 3 Minnesota 2
Wednesday's results
Toronto 3 Carolina 1
Vancouver 4 Colorado 2
Detroit 3 Washington 2
Anaheim 2 St. Louis 1

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Columbus at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Atlanta at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

PANTHERS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Repik Fla (slashing) 7:59, Brown Tor, Duco Fla (fighting) 15:15, Hordichuk Fla (hooking) 18:12.
Second Period
1. Florida, Samsonov 12 (Garrison, Bergfors) 0:49
2. Florida, Weiss 20 (Kulikov, Repik) 5:11 (pp)
3. Florida, Santorelli 18 (Samsonov, Weiss) 11:31 (pp)
Penalties — Kulemin Tor (hooking) 4:06, Phaneuf Tor (kneeing) 9:40, Aulie Tor, Carter Fla (fighting) 12:10, Kulikov Fla (interference) 16:14.
Third Period
4. Florida, Ellerby 2, 16:36 (en)
Penalties — Repik Fla (slashing) 5:49, Ellerby Fla (delay of game) 14:25.
Shots

Toronto	7	11	6	—24
Florida	8	11	7	—26

Goal — Toronto: Giguere (L,11-11-4); Florida: Clemmensen (W,8-7-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-5; Florida: 2-2.
Referees — Ian Walsh, Dan O'Halloran. **Linesmen** — Anthony Sericolo, Mark Shewchyk.
Att. — 16,970 (17,040) at Florida.

SENATORS 3, DEVILS 1

First Period
1. Ottawa, Shannon 8 (Spezza, Foligno) 19:02 (pp)
Penalties — Elias NJ (high-sticking) 16:58, Volchenkov NJ (delay of game) 18:09.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (hooking) 10:45, Z.Smith Ott (holding) 16:34.
Third Period
2. Ottawa, Neil 4 (Karlsson, Kuba) 0:55
3. New Jersey, Rolston 13 (Elias, Josefson) 5:02 (pp)
4. Ottawa, Neil 5 (Spezza, Greening) 19:22 (en)
Penalties — Greening Ott (hooking) 4:36, Kovalchuk NJ (interference) 11:13
Shots

New Jersey	10	11	13	—34
Ottawa	9	3	13	—25

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (L,20-21-2); Ottawa: McElhinney (W,8-10-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 1-3; Ottawa: 1-3.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Chris Lee. **Linesmen** — Mike Cvik, Tim Nowak.
Att. — 17,758 (19,153) at Ottawa.

FLAMES 5, AVALANCHE 2

First Period
1. Calgary, Iginla 31 (Tanguay, Bourque) 3:51 (pp)
2. Calgary, Giordano 7 (Bouwmeester, Kotalik) 4:15 (pp)
3. Colorado, Olver 1 (Duchene, Wilson) 7:35
4. Calgary, Bourque 24 (Kostopoulos, Backlund) 19:42
Penalties — McLeod Col (tripping) 2:05, O'Reilly Col (goaltender interference) 3:02, Stajan Cal (interference) 8:35, Liles Col (hooking) 9:07, Bourque Cal (boarding) 17:19.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Holos Col (hooking) 2:12, Jackman Cal (interference) 5:57.
Third Period
5. Calgary, Kotalik 4 (Hagman, Stajan) 4:36
6. Calgary, Iginla 32 (Glencross, Bouwmeester) 6:35
7. Colorado, McLeod 5 (Duchene, Liles) 19:54 (pp)
Penalties — McLeod Col, Regehr Cal (roughing) 13:53, Giordano Cal (tripping) 18:21, Regehr Cal (delay of game) 18:35.
Shots

Colorado	10	4	15	—29
Calgary	13	10	5	—28

Goal — Colorado: Budaj (L,13-16-9); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,33-22-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Colorado: 1-5; Calgary: 2-4.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Dean Morton.
Linesmen — Vaughan Rody, Brian Murphy.
Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

COYOTES 3, OILERS 1

First Period
1. Phoenix, Stempniak 16 (Korpikoski, Belanger) 19:13
Penalties — Klesla Phx (tripping) 3:29, Stempniak Phx (elbowing) 7:28, Jones Edm (slashing) 11:58, Rozsival Phx (holding) 14:28, Giroux Edm (slashing) 16:03.
Second Period
2. Phoenix, Whitney 14 (Vrbata, Ebbett) 11:32
Penalties Phoenix bench (too many men; served by Vrbata) 5:41, Whitney Phx (high-sticking) 8:15, MacLean Phx (tripping) 16:09.
Third Period
3. Edmonton, Paajarvi 11 (Omark, Hartinainen) 6:05 (pp)
4. Phoenix, Vrbata 17 (Doan, Whitney) 11:57 (pp)
Missed penalty shot — Cogliano Edm, 3:36.
Penalties — Belanger Phx (cross-checking), Cogliano Edm (slashing) 1:29, Reddox Edm (slashing) 2:20, Belanger Phx (holding) 5:17, Boedker Phx (boarding) 9:16, Omark Edm (diving) 11:23, Klesla Pho (closing hand on puck) 15:21.
Shots

Phoenix	8	7	2	—17
Edmonton	10	7	19	—36

Goal — Phoenix: Bryzgalov (W,32-17-8); Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,10-28-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 1-4; Edmonton: 1-9.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Brad Meier. **Linesmen** — Don Henderson, Thor Nelson.
Att. — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	38	54	92
Stamkos, TB	43	43	86
H.Sedin, Vcr	18	68	86
St. Louis, TB	26	57	83
Perry, Ana	36	39	75
Ovechkin, Wash	29	46	75
Kopitar, LA	25	47	72
Toews, Chi	30	41	71
Zetterberg, Det	20	51	71
Sharp, Chi	34	34	68
Iginla, Cal	30	38	68

Last night's games not included

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
x-Australia	5	4	0	0	1	9
x-New Zealand	5	4	0	1	0	8
x-Pakistan	5	4	0	1	0	8
x-Sri Lanka	5	3	0	1	1	7
Zimbabwe	5	1	0	4	0	2
Kenya	5	0	0	5	0	0
Canada	**6**	**1**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**2**

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
x-South Africa	5	4	0	1	0	8
India	5	3	1	1	0	7
England	6	3	1	2	0	7
West Indies	5	3	0	2	0	6
Bangladesh	5	3	0	2	0	6
Ireland	5	1	0	4	0	2
Netherlands	5	0	0	5	0	0

x — clinched berth in quarter-finals.
Yesterday's result
At Chennai, India
England (243, all out) def. West Indies (225, all out) by 18 runs.
Today's matches
At Calcutta, India
Netherlands vs. Ireland
At Mumbai, India
New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka

MLB

Thursday's results
Toronto 7, Philadelphia 6
Cincinnati 5 Cleveland 1
Baltimore 13, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 5, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 4 Chicago White Sox (ss) 0
Oakland 6 Chicago Cubs 5
Chicago White Sox (ss) 12 Colorado 6
Atlanta 7 Washington 6
Boston 8, N.Y. Mets 5
Detroit 4, Minnesota 3
L.A. Dodgers 6 Arizona 5
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees
Kansas City 9 Seattle 1
San Francisco 4 L.A. Angels 0
San Diego 15 Texas 5
Today's games
Det. vs. Bos. (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
NYY vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Wash. at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pitt. vs. Phila. at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atl. vs. NYM at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
LAD vs. San Fran. at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Arizona vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. LAA at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cleve. (ss) vs. KC at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Chi. Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Milw. vs. Color. at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Balt. at Sarasota, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Bos. (ss) vs. TB at Port Charlotte, Fla., 7:05 pm
Oakland vs. CWS at Glendale, Ariz., 7:05 p.m.
Tex. vs. Clev. (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 10:05 pm

SOCCER

MLS

Tomorrow's games
All times Eastern
Toronto at Vancouver, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sporting K.C at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
New England at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

EUROPA LEAGUE

(Home teams listed first)
THIRD ROUND
First Leg
Yesterday's results
Glasgow Rangers (Scot.) 0, PSV Eindhoven (Neth.) 1, PSV Eindhoven adv. on 1-0 aggrgate
Liverpool (England) 0, Braga (Portugal) 0, Braga advanced on 1-0 aggregate
Manchester City (England) 1, Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 0, Dynamo Kiev adv. on 2-1 aggrgate
Paris Saint-Germain (France) 1, Benfica (Portugal) 1, Benfica advanced on 3-2 aggregate
Porto (Portugal) 2, CSKA Moscow (Russia) 1, Porto advanced on 3-1 aggregate
Spartak Moscow (Russia) 3, Ajax (Nether.) 0, Spartak Moscow advanced on 4-0 aggregate
Villarreal (Spain) 2, Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1, Villarreal advanced on 5-3 aggregate
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, Twente (Netherlands) 0, Twente adv. on 3-2 aggregate

GOLF

PGA TRANSITIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

At Palm Harbor, Fla.
First Round (Par 71)

Paul Casey	32-32—64
Nick Watney	35-31—66
Garrett Willis	32-34—66
Martin Laird	34-32—66
Scott Stallings	31-35—66
Joe Durant	34-33—67
John Senden	35-32—67
Gary Woodland	33-34—67
Ryan Moore	36-31—67
Rory Sabbatini	33-34—67
Justin Leonard	32-35—67
Webb Simpson	35-32—67
Jim Furyk	34-33—67
Stuart Appleby	36-31—67
Brian Gay	33-34—67
Stephen Ames	**35-35—70**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	49	18	.731	—
x-Boston	48	18	.727	½
x-Miami	46	22	.676	3½
x-Orlando	43	26	.623	7
Atlanta	39	29	.574	10½
New York	35	32	.522	14
Philadelphia	35	33	.515	14½
Indiana	29	39	.426	20½
Charlotte	28	39	.418	21
Milwaukee	26	41	.388	23
Detroit	24	44	.353	25½
New Jersey	22	44	.333	26½
Toronto	18	49	.269	31
Washington	16	50	.242	32½
Cleveland	13	54	.194	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	54	13	.806	—
d-L.A. Lakers	48	20	.706	6½
Dallas	48	20	.706	6½
d-Oklahoma City	44	23	.657	10
Denver	41	27	.603	13½
Portland	39	29	.574	15½
New Orleans	40	30	.571	15½
Memphis	37	32	.536	18
Utah	36	33	.522	19
Houston	35	34	.507	20
Phoenix	33	33	.500	20½
Golden State	30	38	.441	24½
L.A. Clippers	26	43	.377	29
Minnesota	17	52	.246	38
Sacramento	16	50	.242	37½

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division.
Last night's results
Chicago 84 New Jersey 73
New York 120 Memphis 99
Portland 111 Cleveland 70
Wednesday's results
Detroit 107 Toronto 93
Denver 102 Atlanta 87
Boston 92 Indiana 80
Orlando 93 Milwaukee 89, OT
New Orleans 100 Phoenix 95
Oklahoma City 96 Miami 85
Houston 94 Charlotte 78
Utah 119 Minnesota 104
Cleveland 97 Sacramento 93
Dallas 112 Golden State 106
Philadelphia 104 L.A. Clippers 94
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	11	9	2	.818	132	101	—
Buffalo	10	7	3	.700	110	93	1½
Boston	11	6	5	.545	117	102	3
Rochester	10	5	5	.500	93	107	3½
Philadelphia	11	4	7	.364	99	125	5

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	10	7	3	.700	121	109	—
Minnesota	9	5	4	.556	102	98	1½
Washington	11	5	6	.455	146	135	2½
Edmonton	10	2	8	.200	103	128	5
Colorado	9	1	8	.111	80	105	5½

WEEK 11
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NCAA TOURNAMENT

All times EDT

SECOND ROUND

EAST REGIONAL
Yesterday's results
At Tampa, Fla.
West Virginia 84, Clemson 76
Kentucky 59, Princeton 57
Today's games
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina (26-7) vs. Long Island University (27-5), 7:15 p.m.
Washington (23-10) vs. Georgia (21-11), 30 minutes following
At Cleveland
George Mason (26-6) vs. Villanova (21-11), 2:10 p.m.
Ohio State (32-2) vs. Texas-San Antonio (20-13), 30 minutes following
Xavier (24-7) vs. Marquette (20-14), 7:27 p.m.
Syracuse (26-7) vs. Indiana State (20-13), 30 minutes following
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Yesterday's results
At Washington
Butler 60, Old Dominion 58
Pittsburgh 74, UNC Asheville 51
At Tampa, Fla.
Florida 79 UC Santa Barbara 51
UCLA 78 Michigan State 76
At Denver
BYU 74 Wofford 66
Gonzaga 86 St. John's 71
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wisconsin 72 Belmont 58
Kansas State 73 Utah State 68
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
Yesterday's results
At Denver
Morehead State 62, Louisville 61
Richmond 69, Vanderbilt 66
Today's games
At Chicago
Notre Dame (26-6) vs. Akron (23-12), 1:40, pm
Texas A&M (24-8) vs. Florida State (21-10), 30 minutes following
Purdue (25-7) vs. St. Peter's (20-13), 7:20 p.m.
Georgetown (21-10) vs. Virginia Commonwealth (24-11), 30 minutes following
At Tulsa, Okla.
Kansas (32-2) vs. Boston U. (21-13), 6:50 p.m.
UNLV (24-8) vs. Illinois (19-13), 30 minutes following
WEST REGIONAL
Yesterday's results
At Tucson, Ariz.
Temple 66, Penn State 64
San Diego State 68, Northern Colorado 50
At Washington
Connecticut 81 Bucknell 52
Cincinnati 78 Missouri 63
Today's games
At Tulsa, Okla.
Texas (27-7) v Oakland, Mich. (25-9), 12:15 pm
Arizona (27-7) vs. Memphis (25-9), 30 minutes following
At Charlotte, N.C.
Mich. (20-13) vs. Tenness. (19-14), 12:40 pm
Duke (30-4) vs. Hampton (24-8), 30 minutes following

TENNIS

ATP-WTA BNP PARIBAS OPEN

At Indian Wells, Calif.
Yesterday's results
Men's Singles — Quarterfinals
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (7).
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Tommy Robredo (25), Spain, walkover.
Men's Doubles — Quarterfinals
Roger Federer and Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Michal Mertinak, Slovakia, 6-1, 7-5.
Women's Singles — Quarterfinals
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, 3-0, retired.
Maria Sharapova (16), Russia, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

Tessa Loyer – Surrey, B.C.

Peter Ness – Hazelton, B.C.

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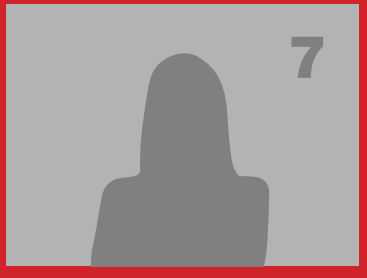

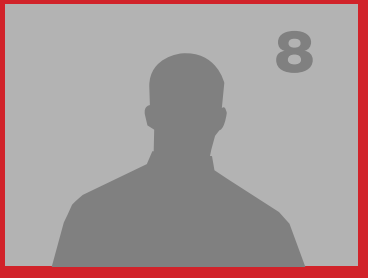

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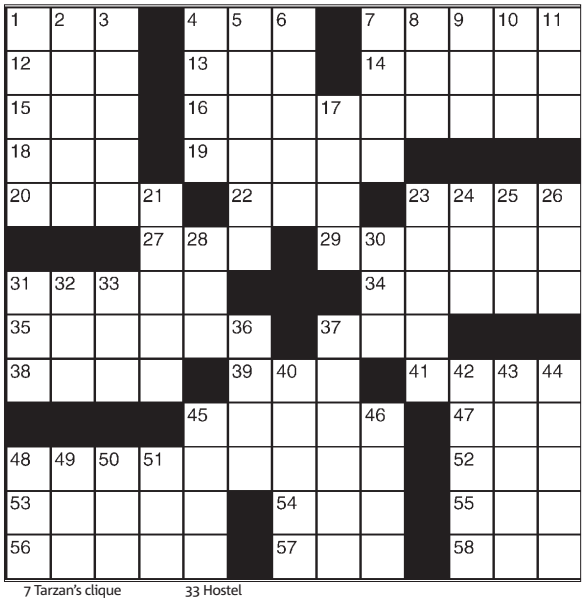

Across

1 Rd.
4 Write a P.S.
7 Standish stand-in
12 "Great Expectations" lad
13 Mainlander's memento
14 Break in the action
15 Big fuss
16 Whitsunday
18 Critic Reed
19 Masts
20 Santa's sackful
22 Detergent brand
23 Brothers and sisters
27 Has the skills
29 Confined
31 Pizza topping
34 Impudent
35 Quintet
37 List-ending abbr.
38 Bivouac structure
39 Listener
41 Recognized
45 "Get lost!"
47 Leading lady?
48 Ritzy apartment
52 Marry
53 Nebraska city
54 Spell-down
55 Work unit
56 Conned
57 Clumsy boat
58 Caustic solution

Down

1 In two places at once?
2 YouTube offering
3 Strong adhesive
4 Heidi's territory
5 Drill further
6 Money of Bahrain
7 Tarzan's clique
8 Fond du —
9 Twosome
10 Curvy character
11 Profit
17 Snare
21 "Gladiator" director
23 Nosh
24 "Monty Python" opener
25 Clear the tables
26 Agent
28 Santa — winds
30 NYC hrs.
31 Make up your mind
32 Born
33 Hostel
36 Erte's style
37 Chalkboard accessory
40 Tourist spot off Venezuela
42 Staircase post
43 Each
44 Golf club type
45 Roe provider
46 Timid
48 Spacecraft compartment
49 Ostrich's kin
50 Siesta
51 Definite article

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

		6	9				2	7
8			5					
	3							
		5		4			1	
	1	7	2		3	5	6	
	8			9		4		
							5	
					1			3
5	9				6	1		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	9	3	8	7	6	4	1	5
7	8	1	2	4	5	6	3	9
5	6	4	9	3	1	7	8	2
8	1	9	7	6	3	2	5	4
6	2	5	4	9	8	3	7	1
3	4	7	1	5	2	8	9	6
4	5	2	3	1	7	9	6	8
1	3	8	6	2	9	5	4	7
9	7	6	5	8	4	1	2	3

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Breezy! I wanted to thank you for being the best friend and boyfriend any girl could have! I love you! luv alwayz ***YOUR LIL BUNNY***

My dearest Toopy, I love you so much & can't wait to be together forever. You're my most wonderful Moo! **YOUR LOVING OINKMASTER, BINOO**

Sheila, After all these years, when together and when not, all the good times and the bad, we've found each other's love again, and it's stronger than ever! Lots of love **FROM SHAUN**

I just wanted to remind you that everyday I fall more in love with you then I ever thought was possible. I look forward to spending many happy years together . Its going to be LEGEN (Wait for it/ hope your not lactose intolerant) DAIRY... **FROM THAT GIRL YOU LIVE WITH**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Your lucky number is about to come up. The last few weeks have not been easy but already the cosmic picture is changing in your favour. Embrace it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Take a deep breath and hold it. Now, let it out slowly. Feel better? Good. The more relaxed you are now, the more easily things will come to you over the next two or three days.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Act on impulse today. Do things on the spur of the moment. Others will be impressed by your can-do attitude and will do what they can to make your life even more enjoyable. The more you give out, the more you get back.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make a special effort today to persuade colleagues, employers and other important people that you know what you are talking about and that your vision is not just pie in the sky.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you make an effort to do the right thing today, you will not only change your own life but the lives of many others. Can one single person make a difference? He or she can can if he or she is a Leo!

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You are entitled to feel pleased with what you have accomplished, but don't just sit back and do nothing more. There will be greater rewards if you keep the momentum going.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Cosmic activity in the partnership area of your chart means you can expect some kind of reward for working with others.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't pretend to be shocked by what you learn about someone, because you've got secrets of your own that would raise a few eyebrows! It's never a good idea to be judgmental. People will always be different. It's life's charm.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Anyone who tries to impose limits on you must be told to mind his or her own business. The one person who has the right to decide what you will do and who you will do it with is you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Saturn has imposed a lot of new responsibilities on you of late, but you have not bent under the strain. Having said that, if it all gets a bit too much today, take a break.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Try not to be so aloof today. The more of an effort you make to reach out to people over the next 24 hours, the more of an effort they will make to do things for you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may be tempted to do something out of the ordinary to get yourself noticed, but it isn't necessary. Don't go too far and give others the impression that you are too extreme to be trusted. SALLY BROMPTON

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